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Britain To Call Up More Men

PLANS for the provision of another quarter of a million fighting men have been made by Britain.

Announcing this, a statement from 10 Downing street last night said:—

"In order to sustain and nourish our armies in the line, His Majesty's Government have decided to make available in the coming months additional fighting men.

"A large part will be found by a new call-up from civil life. Some will be obtained by transfers to the Army from the Navy and the R.A.F.

"More will be found from the Army itself by further combing out and re-training of units and individuals who have hitherto been engaged in static forms of defence or in the administrative services.

"The total to be provided above previous plans will amount to a quarter of a million men."

President Roosevelt Appeals To People

President Roosevelt declined yesterday to comment on the war situation, and refused to answer questions concerning reports of an agreement regarding the opening of the Russian offensive. He appealed to the American people to keep on with their jobs and maintain a steady flow of supplies.

He declared also that the Atlantic Charter still stands as an objective. Using the Ten Commandments and President Wilson's "14 Points" as an analogy, Mr. Roosevelt said that he sometimes did not live up to those objectives, but they stood "as good now as when they were given." He added that there was no further development regarding the "big three" meeting.—(Reuter.)

To-day's Transport Rush

To-day will be the heaviest of the year on the Great Southern Railway Company's transport system. Nearly 18,000 people will travel by bus into and out of Dublin alone. Already, in the past five days, the company's buses have carried 40,000 into and out of the city. Between Saturday morning and Monday last there were over 9,000 bookings of rail tickets at the company's city booking office at Bachelor's Walk. These bookings are independent of cross-Channel travel and of bookings at agencies and railway stations. Hundreds of thousands of parcels are being handled at a special department set up at Broadstone to avoid congestion at Aston's quay and Transport House.

Japanese City Bombed

The Japanese city of Nagoya, centre of a big aircraft industry, was bombed yesterday by Superfortresses from Saipan, 1,400 miles distant.

A single B 29 led the way, passing over the target early in the afternoon and dropping bombs. Other formations followed at intervals over a period of 120 minutes. The principal target was believed to be Hatsudoki aircraft factory.—(Assoc. Press.)

GERMAN OFFENSIVE SLOWED DOWN



Berlin Reports Allies Throw in Reinforcements

CAPT. SERTORIUS, the German commentator, stated last night that British reinforcements had been thrown in from Field-Marshal Montgomery's grouping against the northern flank of Marshal von Rundstedt's offensive.

"Powerless to put a frontal stop to the German surge westwards, the enemy has stepped up his pressure against the northern flank of the German penetration," he wrote. "Montgomery's Army has not been involved in any serious fighting for over a month, so there is no doubt that Eisenhower has been able to draw on it for reinforcements fairly quickly and has flung them into the area south and south-west of Aachen.

"It may also be assumed that the U.S. 9th Army, which has not been attacking for some days past in the Geilenkirchen-Julich sector, and which has the shorter distance to travel, has similarly detached forces for blows at the German flank.

"Patton's Army has relaxed pressure on the Saar with such abrupt suddenness that the only explanation can be that major forces have been moved to the north-west."

Very heavy fighting developed on the two decisive flanks of the German offensive on the northern flank at Elsenborn, Butgenbach and Lagleize, the German News Agency said. On the southern flank, it added, there was bitter fighting at Waldbillig, Consdorf and Scheidgere with American divisions which had been rushed up from the Saar, and which in the past 24 hours had been continuously reinforced from the back areas.

Guenther Weber, war correspondent at Marshal von Rundstedt's H.Q., said: "The battle of the pill-boxes on the Saar has, to all appearances, entered a surprising new phase in the past twelve hours. American formations are withdrawing to the west bank of the Saar, blowing up their pontoon bridges. Last-minute reports show that Patton himself has acknowledged defeat here."

Weber added that the German garrison which had been holding out at St. Nazaire for months "has become remarkably active during the last 24 hours, and has attacked the Allied positions on an 18-mile front. The German fortress artillery heavily shelled fairly widespread areas on the mouth of the Loire."

There was also fighting before Dunkirk when Allied troops tried to cross a canal north-west of St. Omer, he stated.

The Berlin military spokesman was quoted by the German Overseas News Agency as saying:—"The fighting on the northern flank of the German area of penetration has developed into a grand-scale battle. Grim fighting is going on in the area of Malmédy."

Dublin Charities' Christmas Appeal

THIS year, as usual, Dublin's unselfish band of welfare workers will endeavour to provide a special treat for necessitous men, women and children during the Christmas season.

All of the charitable institutions are in need of money and help, and gifts of toys, clothing, etc., will be very welcome.

The Sailors' Rest, Dublin, makes Christmas for those staying there as bright as circumstances permit. There will be dinner, supper, concert, etc., to entertain sailors away from home.

The Missions to Seamen, Eden quay, gives a full season of festivities with an open door to seafarers. The Linden Convalescent Home, where the Sisters of Charity care for about 150 patients every week, depends on the subscriptions of the public. The Royal Victoria Eye and Ear Hospital, Adelaide road, will celebrate Christmas with dinners, carol-singing, gifts of toys, clothes, books, and so on. St. Brigid's Penny Dinners, conducted by the Bon Secours nuns, Lower Mount street, will give hot midday meals to poor people at 1d. each and free to children. They cater for about 1,000 people every day. Among the charities which deserve the notice of the public there are also the St. Anthony Penny Dinners, the Irish Sisters of Charity, the Salvation Army, the Dublin Shelter for Men, Tara street, and the St. Vincent de Paul Free Night Shelter, Back lane.

Toys and gifts for the children under their care will be welcomed by the Sacred Heart Home, Drumcondra, run by the Sisters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul. The Dublin Central Mission, George's Hall, supplies many of the poor with clothes, food and fuel, while boys from 8 to 16 years are catered for by the St. Vincent de Paul male orphanage, Glasnevin. One of Dublin's newest charities is the Marrowbone Lane Samaritan Fund, and donations will also be received gratefully by St. Joseph's Orphanage, Dun Laoghaire, and Our Lady's Hospice for the Dying, Harold's Cross. The matron of Baggot Street Hospital has appealed for toys for the poorest children attending the out-patient department of the hospital, and there have often been reminders that the annual toy fund is open for the reception of toys, or money to buy them, in order to make Christmas happier for the 145 children in the hospital. The secretary of the Dublin Playgrounds' Committee has also appealed for toys.

Restrictions Relaxed On Emigration

Certain restrictions on emigration have been relaxed by the Government. The embargo on the emigration of men from rural areas and towns with a population of 5,000 or under is withdrawn. This will be replaced by a modified embargo, which will affect only men resident in rural areas.

The effect of this is that until further notice facilities to go to employment outside the State will not be granted to any man whose normal place of residence is in a rural area unless it can be shown that his normal employment during the last three years has been in an occupation other than agriculture or turf production or that he is a migratory labourer in the Western counties going to seasonal agricultural employment.

The existing restrictions remain in force in respect of persons in employment, or for whom suitable employment is available at home, and those who refuse suitable employment or lose it through circumstances within their control; persons under 22 years of age, members of the special register of agricultural and turf workers, and persons whose services may be deemed necessary in this country.

Minister's Message To L.S.F.

Wishing the officers and men of the L.S.F. a happy Christmas and a prosperous and peaceful New Year, Mr. Gerald Boland, Minister for Justice, says: "It is both a privilege and a pleasure for me to send this message of my deep satisfaction at the manner in which the reputation and prestige of the L.S.F. have been maintained during the past year. I have seen for myself how high are its standards of discipline and efficiency."

Flank Attack By Patton's 3rd Army

THE German News Agency last night announced that Marshal von Rundstedt's offensive had been slowed down by a flank attack by General Patton's U.S. 3rd Army.

The agency added: "The main brunt of the fighting is now more than ever on the two flanks of the front."

According to Reuter, the deepest penetration of the German panzers last night was 40 miles. The first rush and violence of the offensive had been checked, it was said.

In an Order of the Day yesterday General Eisenhower said:—"By rushing out of his fixed defences the enemy may give us the chance to turn his great gamble into his worst defeat."

"STEMMED"

Reuter's Special Correspondent at U.S. 1st Army headquarters states:—

American armour is making one of its greatest stands of the whole war—a stand which may turn the 1st Army's present dangerous situation into a mere military setback.

Already 55 German tanks have been shelled and destroyed in this battle—the greatest clash of armour since the German push began. It is being fought south-west of the important communications centre of St. Vith, and though the battle is still raging, great German forces are at present being successfully stemmed.

At this stage of Marshal von Rundstedt's offensive, the fact that battle reports continue to come in from the same towns and villages as previous days lends encouragement to the Allied hope of a successful outcome.

The picture of the battle is, perhaps, best understood if viewed as a large funnel with a 75-mile-wide mouth thrust into the American lines across Belgium and Luxembourg. On the north of the funnel General Hodge's men have done very well, fighting in Stavelot, Malmedy and the northern part of Monschau Forest. In this sector on Thursday night German tank spearheads were on the move, but on the whole it was quiet. Right in the funnel mouth armoured troops have been holding out round St. Vith. Along the southern side of the funnel, through Luxembourg and Belgium, large tank battles are raging.

GROUNDED

Once again Allied fighter-bombers, massed and ready to attack the German tank and troop columns, were pinned down yesterday by low clouds and rain. This continuing air black-out is the greatest single set-back to the Allied counter-measures, which are rapidly getting under way.

An A.P. correspondent in Malmédy sector writes:—The American troops are slowly breaking the back of von Rundstedt's winter offensive by exacting heavy losses of German troops. Incomplete reports already record the destruction of more than 200 German tanks.

American losses have not been slight, but they have been less than those suffered by the Germans. Prisoners are few, for the S.S. are not surrendering, and the Americans are fighting to the last.

Behind the lines it is estimated that about 500 parachutists, dropped to start the operation, have been practically liquidated.

Another A.P. correspondent, in a message from Paris, said:—Von Rundstedt appeared last night to have won the first round, and front line reports indicated that he was gathering infantry and armour for a second round blow.

This correspondent added that the fighting now in progress was the greatest and bloodiest single battle of the war.

He said that von Rundstedt's second blow appeared to be gathering force in the sector 20 miles south of the city of Luxembourg. It seemed possible, however, that unless the Germans could fan out behind the main part of the 1st Army to the north, they might soon be confronted by a great weight of men and material bearing down on their right flank.

While the Ardennes battle is increasing in fury, the rest of the front is experiencing one of its quietest spells.

German Drive "Controlled"

A midnight message from Allied Supreme Headquarters, quoted by Reuter, stated:—

The Germans have cut right through Luxembourg to by-pass Bastogne and have swung north-west, reaching Laroche, 14 miles from Bastogne. This means that they have covered 32 miles from the German frontier.

It was officially revealed at 1st Army Headquarters that the German drive through the Ardennes had been controlled on both flanks.

An N.B.C. commentator, speaking over Brussels Radio, said:—"The security silence has just been lifted. It is now revealed that the point of the deepest German concentration has been 30 miles, and that it has been hammering all the way across Luxembourg into Belgium and is now continuing with fierce fighting in the town of Laroche.

"If there were any doubt about the capacity of the Allies to withstand this terrific punch, it is certain that the security silence would not have been lifted. The facts of the situation are now clear. The German drive through the Ardennes was controlled on the flank in the Echtennach area on the Luxembourg border and the line there is now stabilised."

Brussels radio later announced:—"The German counter-offensive has for all practical purposes been held in the north and south. Nowhere has it achieved any decisive results. In the centre stabilisation has almost been achieved."

Franco-Soviet Pact Ratified.—The pact between France and the Soviet Union has been ratified, authoritative quarters stated yesterday in Paris, says Reuter.

Car Crash Caused By Patient

TWO Civic Guards had a narrow escape while conveying a mental patient from Roundstone, Co. Galway, to Ballinasloe Mental Hospital on Thursday. The Guards were Daniel Frien and John McCarthy, and the driver of the car was James Ruane, Recess. The other occupants of the car were the patient and his brother.

Within a few miles of Ballinasloe the patient, who was sitting in the back seat, leaned forward and caught the driver by the collar of the coat, and forced him to relinquish the wheel. The car swerved on to a hillock and turned over. Guard McCarthy put out his hand as the car was turning over, and his arm was broken under the vehicle. All the others, with the exception of the patient, succeeded in getting out through the window of the car.

Eventually they got the patient out, but while trying to get Guard McCarthy from under the car, the patient hit Guard Frien on the head with the jack of the car, rendering him unconscious. The patient's brother and the driver caught the patient and held him down until Guard Frien recovered, when they were able to handcuff the patient. Sergeant Byrne and Guard Keary then arrived, and the patient was brought to the mental hospital. The two injured Guards were taken to the Central Hospital, where they were reported last night to be improving.



General Chen Cheng, who has been appointed by President Chiang Kai-shek to be China's Minister of War, succeeding General Ho Ying-chin. General Chen (44), was Commander of the Chinese Expeditionary Force fighting in the Salween River area of south-west China.

Christmas Money And Parcels For Connemara

Last week's American mail brought loads of sultanas to almost every postal district in Connemara. The war has brought a revival of the "American parcels" and never were they more numerous or more full of luxuries than this Christmas.

Only a half pound of tea is permitted in each parcel from the U.S.A., but this has been circumvented by sending a parcel to each member of the same family.

The weight of Connemara's Christmas money has again come from England, but the American letters have also been numerous during the past week. As usual, most of the money from England has been telegraphed, and Money Order offices in some areas are simply glutted with those telegrams.

Festivities in Barracks

PROBABLY for the first time in the history of the Army, the quartermasters will be unable to provide the usual plum pudding to follow the turkey and ham on the Christmas menu, and a good trifle will probably take its place. Christmas Day and, to a lesser extent, St. Stephen's Day will be as eagerly awaited by the average soldier as is Santa Claus by the children.

But the soldier need not wait until dinner time to know that it is Christmas Day. His breakfast rations will be about double the normal quantities. Each man will receive for dinner about half a pound of turkey and half a pound of ham. Extra vegetables and liquid refreshments will be provided. Dinner is usually followed by an impromptu concert, organised by the men themselves. Mouth organs, accordions and other instruments are mustered, and the dining hall is cleared for action. There will be extra fare for tea also.

It is customary for the commissioned officers to wait on the men at dinner on Christmas Day. The Chief of Staff, Lieut.-General D. McKenna, and members of the Management Committee will serve dinner to men resident in the Soldiers' Club, O'Connell street, Dublin.

In most of the hospitals festivities will be on a normal scale. There will be a Christmas dinner, and concerts for the patients on Christmas Day and the following three or four days.

No special plans have been made in the Dublin Fire Brigade Station, and telephone girls also will work over the Christmas period.

All Dublin hotels have been crowded to overflowing for the past week.

Castle Park Old Boys.—The annual dinner of the Castle Park Old Boys' Society was held in the Dolphin Hotel on Wednesday. The toast of the school was proposed by Lt.-Col. S. R. Boyd, and the toast of the Society by Commander G. Marescaux, R.N. The following officers were elected:—President, W. D. Toone; vice-presidents, A. D. Pringle, D. T. Figgis, S. R. Boyd, D. S. Pringle, H. Turpin; hon. secretary, C. Goodbody; hon. treasurer, D. S. Pringle.



Badly packed parcels and parcels that have lost their labels add to the Christmastide work of Post Office workers.

E.L.A.S. READY TO LAY DOWN ARMS

THE E.L.A.S. leaders' reply was delivered last night to General Scobie, but no statement was issued. It is believed, however, says Reuter's correspondent, that disarmament of E.L.A.S. forces will be agreed to, provided that the disarmament is supervised by a joint Anglo-Greek Commission of Control.

According to quarters close to E.A.M., the reply provides for the acceptance of the demand that E.L.A.S. supporters lay down their arms.

The area under British control in southern Athens and towards the Piræus has now been considerably extended, says Reuter, and the Mayor of the Piræus and representative citizens of Castella—a Piræus suburb with 40,000 inhabitants—yesterday sent Mr. Churchill a message expressing deep gratitude for the British Army's help in liberating the district from E.L.A.S. forces.

Reports from Epirus indicate that strong E.L.A.S. forces are closing in on the territory held by the Right Wing E.D.E.S. Army, headed by General Zervas. Albanian guerrillas are reported to have joined the 15,000 to 20,000 E.L.A.S. troops, who have already taken about eight villages just outside E.D.E.S. territory.

Yesterday's communiqué from Allied H.Q., Mediterranean, said: "In clearing areas in Athens-Piræus British troops have achieved further successes.

"Civilians living in the controlled zones were served over 100,000 meals."

LABOUR DEMAND

The Executive of the I.L.P., with Mr. James Maxton and Mr. John McGovern, representing the parliamentary group, in Glasgow yesterday, declared that events in Greece had destroyed the last illusion that the Government was fighting a war for democracy, and it was decided to call every section of the Labour movement to demand immediate cessation of the war against the Greek people, withdrawal of the Labour representatives from the Government, and the ending of the political truce.

The meeting also asked every section of the working class movement to prepare for united councils of action, which, it held, would be necessary if the Churchill policy is repeated in other countries during the coming months.

A late cable from Stephen Barber, Associated Press War Correspondent in Athens, says that the E.L.A.S. reply to General Scobie's statement making a truce conditional on E.L.A.S. agreeing to evacuate a defined area of the Attica Peninsula, and for E.L.A.S. irregulars within Athens to cease resistance, contains a third point—a call for the simultaneous formation of a new Government.

8th Army Gains In Italy

THE 8th Army have taken their third big communications centre in Italy within a fortnight, breaking the back of German resistance in the Lamone sector. After two days' hard fighting, Bagnacavallo road and rail link with Ferrara to the north, has been captured by Canadian forces.

The Canadians drove from their bridgehead over the Canale Naviglio to reach the River Senio on a broad front opposite Fusignano, which lies 17 miles west of Ravenna and about three miles north of Bagnacavallo. Northwards, towards the Favenna-Ferrara road, 8th Army forces are keeping up their pressure, making new crossings over the Fosso Munio, the next German defence barrier, and occupying Abbadesse and the whole west bank of the Lamone down to Faenza

Bearing round to the north-east of Bagnacavallo, the Canadians, attacking westwards from their Canale Naviglio bridgehead, have established new crossings more than a mile wide over the Fosso Munio just to the west of Villanova.—(Reuter.)

Supply Routes Bombed

Soon after dark last night Lancasters and Halifaxes of R.A.F. Bomber Command continued the bombing of the supply routes for the German counter-offensive with attacks on the marshalling yards at Coblenz and Bingen, states the P.A. Bingen is a junction on an important railway leading to the Saar Valley. Coblenz is another railway junction with large marshalling yards on a line leading from the Rhine to Trier and Luxembourg.

No planes were lost in Thursday's attacks on Trier.

Cold Hits New York

A blast of cold air from Canada sent the thermometer in New York down to a new seasonal low level of 12.1 degrees fahrenheit yesterday. An even colder spell is predicted, says Reuter.

Ohio had the coldest December 22nd in its history, recordings being 20 degrees below. One place in Pennsylvania had 66 degrees of frost, with snowdrifts 20 feet deep.

World's Greatest Gold Mine?

FINANCIAL interest in the South African Union centres just now in the large, new gold areas in the Orange Free State, giving, in the words of Mr. Norbert Erleigh, Chairman of New Union Goldfields, every promise of providing great resources for the production of additional gold.

Mr. Erleigh describes the new goldfields as "possibly the greatest the world has ever seen." The area covers at least one and a-half million acres. A second Johannesburg may be created, he says, and rich reefs have been encountered.

Deaths From Tuberculosis

A considerable increase between 1941 and 1942 in the number of deaths from tuberculosis and cancer and of infants under one year is recorded in the Statistical Abstract for 1944. Deaths in 1942 from tuberculosis (4,347) showed an increase of 636, those from cancer (4,055) an increase of 265, and deaths of infants under one year (4,591) increased by 416. Deaths from heart diseases in 1942 (8,550) showed a decline of 788, and deaths due to childbirth (189) a decrease of 20. The number of suicides fell from 90 in 1941 to 83 in 1942.

A comparison of the census figures of 1926 and 1936 show that the number of Catholics (2,373,920) increased by .8 per cent. in that period, and that the number of Jews (3,749) increased by 1.7 per cent. All other denominations showed the following percentage decreases:—Church of Ireland (145,030), 11.7 per cent.; Presbyterian (28,067), 13.5 per cent.; Methodist (9,649), 9.5 per cent.; Baptist (715), .3 per cent., and others (7,290), 19.1 per cent.

CENSUS RETURNS

The census returns for 1936 show that in that year Eire had one woman coalminer, and also the following numbers of women in occupations usually associated with men: 11 fisherwomen, 12 carpenters, five motor mechanics, one railway ticket collector, two builders, two lighthouse keepers, and six civil engineers and surveyors.

The Abstract shows that, although the number of industrial disputes increased from 69 in 1942 to 81 in 1943, the number of man-hours lost decreased during the same period, the figures being 115,039 and 61,809 respectively.

The total of the contributions of members of trades unions in 1942 (£197,165) was the highest since 1936, the nearest figure approaching it (£183,402) being that of 1937.

Of the 1,325 road traffic accidents in 1943, most (373) were caused by cyclists.

News in Brief

Wrong Address.—The address of Norman Bates, a defendant in the District Court on Thursday, was given as 31 Kenilworth square. We are asked to state that he does not live at that address.

Alleged Theft from Shop.—Richard G. Buchanan, Park View terrace, Dargle road, Bray, who, at Bray yesterday, pleaded guilty to entering the shop of Mrs. Pauline Rochford, Dargle road, Bray, and stealing her handbag, stated to contain £8, a number of articles and her ration book, was remanded in custody for a fortnight.

Dance Hall Owner Fined. — At Bray yesterday, James Donnelly, Albert Walk, Bray, licencee for the Arcade Dance Hall, Bray, was fined £4 for a breach of the conditions contained in the licence. The evidence of Guard J. Muldoon was that he found a man at 1.45 a.m. in the Hall unconscious and drunk.

£50 for Court Poor Box.—A cheque for £50 as a donation to the poor box of the Dublin District Court, given by Mr. Emil Hirsch, Suffolk street, Dublin, was passed to District Justice Ryan by Mr. J. P. Trainor, solicitor, yesterday. The District Justice, recalling that in the Circuit Court Mr. Hirsch had given a cheque for £100 to the Civic Guard Benevolent Fund, observed that, while the citizens generally appreciated the Guards, every few showed their appreciation in the way that Mr. Hirsch had done.

Soviet Winter Offensive

Latvian Attack Reported

THE Russians have opened their winter offensive, and 27 divisions, with strong tank support, have been thrown in against the German "pocket" (estimated at about 30 divisions) in Courland, the western tip of Latvia, according to German reports.

"The third battle of Courland has begun," said Berlin, reporting the new attack, about which Moscow is silent.

Approximately 170,000 shells were fired in the hour-and-a-half barrage which preceded the opening of the offensive on a 22-mile front south of Frauenburg, 60 miles east of Libau, the Germans said.

But military spokesmen in Washington commented:—"When, and if, the Russian offensive will develop is known only to the Allied combined staffs, and will be announced only by Marshal Stalin."

EAST PRUSSIA SOON

The German High Command, however, expects other Soviet offensives, now that the long-awaited frost has hardened the ground, particularly in East Prussia. Col. von Hammer, the German commentator, reported an increase of activity in East Prussia last night. He said:—"Everything goes to show that the Russian armies, which for months past have been getting ready for a new campaign, are on the point of going over to a major offensive on this front."

Reuter's special correspondent in Moscow, in a cable, says that the Russians are battling for a breakthrough to Losoncz, the important Czechoslovak railway junction from the east, before the Germans to the south can withdraw on the town and dig in on the approaches.

Bucharest radio reported last night: Particularly heavy fighting along the Hernad River, "where Soviet troops are continuing to advance to the north-west, and have cut the roads leading to Kosice from the south and west."

The Soviet supplement stated that north-east and north of Gyengyes, in Hungary, Russian troops "outflanked and attacked simultaneously on three sides of the well fortified town of Kisiterenye. The garrison was routed in street fighting."

Official Inquiry Into Cause Of Mail Train Crash

AN inquiry into the circumstances attending Wednesday's railway accident at Straboe, ordered by the Minister for Industry and Commerce, will be opened at Kingsbridge to-day at 11 a.m. It will be conducted by Mr. T. C. Courtney, Railway Inspecting Officer.

An inquest on the body of Francis Devine, a travelling Post Office official, who was killed in the rail crash at Straboe on Wednesday night, was yesterday opened and adjourned in the Leix County Hospital.

William Devine, Coleraine street, Dublin, brother, identified the remains.

Dr. T. J. McCormack gave evidence as to his having seen the body extracted from the wreckage on Thursday morning. There were two other Post Office men injured who were now in the County Hospital, and three railway men. The witness said that the cause of death was asphyxia, due to injuries caused by impact and the pressure of broken parts of vans. In his opinion the man was unconscious from the first impact. He had had the remains removed to the County Hospital mortuary.

Dr. Eithne A. Fox, County Hospital house surgeon, said she agreed with Dr. McCormack as to the cause of death.

Mr. A. Rolleston, State Solicitor, who appeared for the Minister for Posts and Telegraphs and for the Civic Guard Commissioner, on their behalf, and the Guards of Leix, expressed sincere sympathy with the relatives of the deceased man.

Mr. W. X. White, solicitor for the G.S.R Company, joining in the expression of sympathy, said that it was 32 years ago since a similar occurrence had taken place on the railway.

Escaped In Night Attire

Less than half an hour was required by Dun Laoghaire Fire Brigade to extinguish a fire at 3 Scully's Cottages, George's place, Dun Laoghaire, early this morning. Joseph Kane escaped in his nightclothes.

Italian Generals Sentenced. — General Ricardo Pentimalli and General Ettore del Tetto were sentenced to 20 years' imprisonment yesterday for abandoning their commands, says Rome Radio.

Christmas Holiday Arrangements

THE "Irish Times" will not be published on Christmas Day, or on Tuesday, December 26th.

Advertisements may be handed in up to 1 p.m. to-morrow (Saturday), and from 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. on Tuesday, December 26th.

Heads of Ancient Irish Clans

LAST night's *Iris Oifigiuil* published a list of the present holders of ancient Irish titles. These names are listed in the Genealogical Office at Dublin Castle as the acknowledged heads of their respective clans. They are the following:

Mac Diarmada: Mac Dermot, Prince of Coolavin. Charles Edward MacDermot, D.L. Coolavin, Co. Sligo.

Mac Giolla Chuda: Mac Gillycuddy of the Reeks. Lt.-Col. Ross Kinloch McGillycuddy, D.S.O. The Reeks, Beaufort, Co. Kerry.

O Ceallachain: Don Juan O Callaghan. Madrid.

O Conchobhair Donn: Rev. Charles Denis O Conor, S.J., M.A., H.D.E., Rathfarnham Castle, Dublin.

O Donnchadha an Ghleanna: Geoffrey O Donoghue. The Crossways, Ballymoney, Gorey, Co. Wexford.

O Donnabháin: Col. Morgan John Winthrop O Donovan, M.C., Arda, Northam, Bideford, Devon.

O Murchadha: Capt. Arthur Donel Mac Murrough O Morchoe, Chief of his Sept, Oulartleigh, Co. Wexford. Coolnagloose, Inch, Co. Wexford.

O Néill, Clann Aodha Bhuidhe: H.E. Dom Hugh O Neill, Lisbon.

O Sionnaigh (glaodhtar The Fox air ó'n mbliain 1552 i leith): Capt. Niall Arthur Hubert Fox.

O Tuathail Fear Tíre: Charles Joseph Antoine Thomy O Toole, Comte O Toole. 10 Avenue des Champs Elysées, Paris.

O Gráda: O Grady of Kilballyowen. Major Gerald Vigors de Courcey O'Grady, R.A. Junior United Service Club, London.

O Ceallaigh: O Kelly of Gallagh and Tycooly. Walter Joseph O Kelly, Count of the Holy Roman Empire. Grey Gates, Mount Merrion, Dublin.

Value of German Counter-offensive

BY OUR MILITARY CORRESPONDENT.

DESPITE the silence which has been imposed by both sides on the progress of the German offensive in the West, two facts may now be accepted. The assault has succeeded in smashing through the American 1st Army front, thereby implying the probability of certain adverse strategic changes in the Allied situation.

Marshal von Rundstedt has carried out a remarkable piece of organisation in preparing and mounting an offensive while holding off the Allied assault. Noticeable in this attack has been the achievement of complete surprise, with the consequent disruptions of the American front, together with the employment of numbers of paratroops in weather conditions which reduced materially the effectiveness of Allied air superiority. It cannot be denied that Rundstedt has initiated a military move of the first order.

It is too early to assess the value of this offensive. Not yet at its peak, it must inevitably face Allied counter-attacks directed both from the front and from each flank. As the initiative still lies with the Germans, any Allied counter-move must be conditioned by the direction of the German thrust, and by the time taken to control the Panzer formations which have run loose in the American rear. It is, therefore, impossible to value accurately the final effect upon the strategic situation, but it may be assumed that the Allies' Rhineland offensive has been completely broken.

It remains to be seen whether the Allies will be able to hold the Germans while continuing their pressure in the Saar and down the Rhine, or whether the effect of the German penetration will relieve Allied pressure on all fronts.



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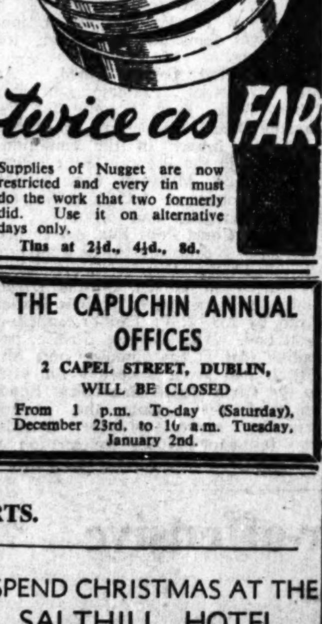
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By "Saracen"

Switzerland and the English. By Arnold Lunn. Eyre and Spottiswoode. 15/- net.

"NO one can ever keep Arnie to the point. Sooner or later he always wangles it round into his point." This despairing cry of the harassed secretary of the Kandahar comes back to memory when reading Mr. Arnold Lunn's books. Whatever their title or their ostensible subject, sooner or later they arrive at the little epic of British ski-ing so dear to the author's heart, so lovingly analysed and brooded over by him that each new approach adds something to the picture. Newman has preached how slow is the growth of truth, how reluctantly does she give up her secrets; and this favourite theme of the author gains in colour and complexity with each new variation. He has dealt with it technically, politically, emotionally, philosophically, mystically, and, though he disclaims its confusion with a religion, some day he will deal with it religiously, and will not write nonsense, since a really great sport and a religion have some attributes in common. He has the mastery of his subject, the humour and the sheer technical skill in writing to force his point on those who never saw a ski-race nearly as convincingly as on the sympathetic few who shared his enthusiasm, and saw in the British approach to ski-ing an antidote to the debasement of sport.

Round-about

But though Mr. Lunn arrives eventually at his point (as we knew he would do, and are thankful that he has done) he does so with a pleasant deviousness.

The way men have looked at mountains and felt towards them, their reactions in literature and art, fill the first half of this book. The Hebrew lifted up his eyes to the hills from whence came his help, but to classical Greek and Roman alike the mountains were objects of fear and distaste. With Christianity came an infusion of the Jewish outlook; but the high Renaissance, reverting to the canons of restraint and form, found in these exuberant and overpowering masses only the similes for savagery and horror. Not till the romantic revival towards the end of the eighteenth century did men—or at all events men articulate with pen and brush—become aware again of their beauty and inspiration.

English men of letters began to make contact with the Alps and to record their impressions. Gibbon, whose history was written at Lucerne; Shelley and Byron, who visited them together; Wordsworth and his sister, Dorothy, all, according to their different temperaments, felt and attempted to interpret their influence in passages, many of which are reproduced and discussed. English artists came to draw and paint. Cozens—"all poetry," as Constable remarked—Towne, who viewed the mountains in a kind of Monk Lewis tradition, Ruskin and Turner, Rothenstein and Allinson, who is probably the greatest of the modern mountain painters. Their works are reproduced and form a most interesting gallery.

"Re-bunking" Ruskin

No one spent more time in the study of Alps than Ruskin, and Mr. Lunn devotes a chapter to the overdue task of "re-bunking" him—not very successfully. Ruskin was a prince of observers, skilful in expounding what he had seen so clearly, and a sonorous musician of words. But, despite anything Mr. Lunn may say, his moralising was often both forced and false, and has tended to conceal the truth of his vision.

About midway the book switches from æsthetics to athletics. We are introduced to the story of English mountaineering in the Golden Age, to Leslie Stephens, Hudson, Whymper and Mummery and to the history of the Alpine Club, one of the greatest clubs the world has seen. And so, by an easy traverse through winter mountaineering, we come at last to British ski-ing and the author has reached his point. We have travelled hopefully and delightfully, and now we have arrived and can settle down to enjoy the tale which he has told so often, and yet always with some new light and interest. With a final tribute to the Swiss nation, so little and so great, the book ends.

I like travelling with Arnold Lunn. He is always good company; a man of physical and moral courage, humorous and combative; a man with whom I would like to go tiger-shooting; the tiger would find us arguing fiercely as he ate us, and Mr. Lunn would have the laugh at the end, for he would infallibly disagree with the tiger.

DUBLIN UNIVERSITY

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

SIR,—My brief outline of the politico-sectarian policy of the Trinity authorities in the nineteenth century was based on the historical and readily accessible facts. There is no reason why it should provoke unhistorical comment in your columns.

Yet it has done so. First appeared a review which, in the interests af amity, I described merely as "a-historical"; for its portrait in oil, of kindly Trinity opening the gates to the Catholics in 1793 and calling upon Tone and Emmet for help against myself in 1944, was laughably and demonstrably false. Last Saturday your anonymous reviewer was succeeded by a pseudonymous correspondent, who optimistically signed himself "Historicus." The latter mentioned a number of Catholics, notably two sons of O'Connell, who perforce accepted the humilating restrictions of the Trinity Statutes. That O'Connell thereby endorsed the above politico-sectarian policy is clearly untenable, for he repeatedly attacked it; but he did approve of university education, and Trinity was at that time the one university institution in Ireland.

The report of Mr. Heron's case is, fortunately, clearer than "Historicus" would have us believe. Mr. Heron refused to take the Sacrament according to the rites of the Protestant Established Church; he was then informed by the Provost "that the Board considered Roman Catholics excluded from the Corporation of the College, and, therefore, from the Scholarship," and the Provost added that, because Mr. Heron was a Catholic, the Board would continue to reject him, "no matter how good his answering might be." How the Provost reconciled this with his alleged support of Catholic emancipation must remain, like the song the sirens sang, a matter of conjecture.

Since this correspondence opened your paper has sponsored an attack (whether coincidental or diversionary, I leave your readers to judge) upon the lamentable lack of facilities for evening students attending the National University, while Professor Stanford has expressed the laudable and random hope that any new university will not be restricted to members of any one Church. Obviously the time is ripe for a rational examination of the many

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defects of Ireland's university system. I suggest that you extend the scope of your campaign to include some account of Trinity's sources of revenue; of the number of Catholic Provosts and Senior Fellows appointed since 1793; and of how far their proportions, relative to the population of Dublin, justify the representative title of "Dublin University." Such a democratic enquiry might serve to remove the belief that a quotation referring to the results of Catholic Emancipation might aptly appear to-day over Trinity's main entrance: "But while the law now opened . . . . posts to Catholics and others, admission to them was controlled by a caste which was reluctant to share them. . . ." (Curtis: "History of Ireland.")

If you neglect this opportunity, I fear that the liberality so often expressed in your columns will be severely impugned.—Yours, etc.,

ROGER McHUGH.

Ballybrack, Co. Dublin.
December 20th, 1944.

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THE PURE POET

By J. Lyle Donaghy

IF I can assert that any poet has been a favourite poet with me, that poet is John Keats; because I have consistently admired him as being purely a poet, a master of golden art, one of the greatest balanced intellects, and innately endowed with spiritual courage in a high degree. To make these assertions of him is tantamount to asserting that he was a great poet. There are two other special reasons for my sympathy with Keats: one, that he was the most modern of great poets, and, consequently, that one with whom I could have most sympathy in point of interests and outlook; and, two, that he expressed with final power and perfection three of the most common and distinctively poetic moods or reactions to life and nature, in the Odes to "a Nightingale," to "Autumn," and to "Melancholy."

The reactions in these poems are poetic, and they are common to youth; but what is to be noted is that the poetic moods are more articulate and more purely expressed in them than they have been since the days of the greatness of the Greek lyrists. That is why, when I read Keats' odes in boyhood, they struck me as with something extraordinarily fresh, large and free in scope, blown through like trees by the sheer breath of Apollo. By comparison with so much other poetry it was as reality that Keats' odes struck me. Amid all their youthfully exuberant, yet more or less consummate detail, faithfully, amid the rivers of spirit, a god stands emptying out the exhaustless urn. The same thing is true of his "Ode to a Grecian Urn," though its mood is rarer, and its expression, fitly, more classically chastened. The "Ode to Psyche" is not of such an even perfection and has some inequalities in subject-matter, or content, but in its total of perfections and excellence, it is equal to any of them.



J. Lyle Donaghy.

Though there are some very fine things in it, one wearies, it is true, reading "Endymion," perhaps the first books especially, wearies of the structureless succession of detailed descriptive passages—a young poet getting leaves and trees off his chest, and scarcely yet enough out of the shell of congested youthful emotion about them to discern body and horizon, or distinguish his action successfully and keep it active, or progressive, in a tableau of vital significant form—by which I mean a tableau composed of selectively, justly expressive elements of experience as organised in a true whole of vision, by the creative imaginative mind of the poet. One wearies of the mixture of occasional epic solidity and the fanciful paraphernalia of Queen Mab or Peter Pan. One wearies, too, of his technical apprenticeship in it, his overdone passion for universality and eternality even in his detailed imagery, his frequently disproportionate straining for the visual, and sometimes his injudiciously experimental vocabulary, all weaknesses of youth. Above all, one wearies of another of his youthful faults, the incoherent medley of all the more trifling and fulsome cooings and coyness of love-making—a kind of *bric-à-brac* of the lighter behaviour of lovers, lacking relation to a more serious aspect, and lacking the warmth of tone of reality to preserve it from being merely ridiculous.

The Master Poet

One is just busy contrasting all this nonsense with the powerful imaginative presentations of the first two books of "Paradise Lost," and wishing that Keats had given us, in his attempt to present a romantic theme, something of the magnificent selection and essence of reality which go to make up the various speeches of the fallen angels—has he nothing to say of love, we wonder, comparable in simple force and convincingness, to those speeches of war and politics, which, in the debate in Pandemonium, so wonderfully convince us with their expressive truth to character and reality, one after another—we are just wondering so, when we come, in Book Two (lines 777-827), on full fifty lines, forty-eight in the mouth of the ravished Diana—as speech in Elysium—no whit less fond or less gentle in theme, no less dovelike than any that had gone before treating of love, and yet comparable to the finest of the speeches in Pandemonium, and lacking in a slight degree only the firmness of maturity of conception and expression, which were Milton's when he wrote "Paradise Lost."

In the matter of their excellence, "Hyperion" and the later poems speak for themselves. What we cull here and there from "Endymion," "Hyperion" is composed of level greatness. Keats by 1818 was a master-poet; by 1820 he was an all-round master-poet—his mastery established in sonnet, ode, narrative, stanza, narrative couplet, blank verse and epic, in true singing imaginative lyric, of which "La Belle Dame Sans Merci" is a rarely fine example, and a kind of romantic imaginative poem which is especially his own province, and of which "Fancy," the ode "Bards of Passion and of Mirth," the "Lines to the Mermaid Tavern" and "Robin Hood" are perfect, or nearly perfect examples.

The Second "Hyperion"

As it happened, Keats had still one thing to learn in his trade; it was not another technical form or specific mode of creation, but a secret about recasting an older work. The mind-content grows in respect of any body of imagination, and when one draught of it has been drawn off (after an interval the further developed body of imagination yields a slightly distinct imaginative product. Hence, if an older work is only to be corrected and improved in a few places, it can be done most satisfactorily, not by a fresh imagination or re-visioning of the same theme, but by a thinking back to, and resurrrection of, the original imagination or vision of it. Then, if the craftsman is a master, the joins will not be visible. But, if an older poem requires much reconstruction and alteration, that can only be done successfully by recasting it almost completely, and a fresh imagination, a re-visioning of the original theme, will be required; otherwise the poem will never be anything but a composite of passages, variously inharmonious in mood, matter, feeling, thought and craft, and all the joints will be visible.

Keats did not know this when he foolishly began his reconstruction of "Hyperion," which did not need drastic revision. What, in fact, he did was to break up the original, discard valuable passages from it, and intersperse the remainder with passages from a new "Hyperion," which thus was never entirely expressed. The reconstructed "Hyperion" was partially the old one broken up, partially a new or re-cast "Hyperion," and, altogether, a disastrous and futile botch. It was so, not as a result of any radical decline of Keats's intellectual faculties, his imagining and thinking power, but as a result of inexperience. The all-round master "maker" had still something to learn about "tinkering" on the grand scale. But, if he learned it, he did not live long enough to leave evidence of the fact. Having crossed the threshold of mastery in practically every branch of his art, and acquitted himself, besides, of one extraordinary and most astonishing bloomer, he died.

A Balanced View

His balanced, profound intellect is shown in his art-mastery—the golden-toned equal poetry of his greater works—the essentially fair and genial Shakespearean kind of outlook he had, which is, nevertheless, consistent, in him, with real-life zeal, and with intolerance of things which he conceived of as unbeautiful, such as the "looking at life through a religious-maniacal idiot-blink," the "spoiling of one's salvation for a fierce miscreed." It is evident in his manifestly rich sense of fun and humour. It is seen, negatively, in his perception of the real truth about bombastic empty glory, and the pert and useless scarlet coats that pester humankind, and that in spite of all a young man's appreciation of colour and martial glory and fame, and true heroism. (He wrote a nonsensical enough but creditably youthfully enthusiastic kind sonnet on Leigh Hunt's leaving prison—doubtless Hunt's mind retained, very largely, its power, scope and customary activity—a mental freedom far above that of his persecutors—but this fact did not abolish the prison walls and inevitable corrosive effects of the imprisonment; he wrote two other lines on Hunt, in a sonnet to Haydn, quieter, serene and true,

> He of the rose, the violet, the Spring,
> The social smile, the chain for Freedom's sake:

which do as much credit to his sympathy and more to the reality of his thought.)

It is seen, positively, in his great courageous poetically vivid affirmation,

> A thing of beauty is a joy for ever,

or in that rarer type of intellectual activity, the fully conscious intellectual perception of more normally "unrecognised experience," as in the lines,

> . . for who beholds
> New sudden things, nor casts his mental slough?

a statement which, being of a perfectly normal rarely noticed experience (indeed, radically, a condition of sight), incidentally points surely to a further, real aspect of the poetic process of vision, or inspiration; or it is seen in the historical and general perspicacity and perspicuity of the forty lines, or so, treating of love, with which Book Two of "Endymion" opens,

> O sovereign power of love! O grief!
> O balm!

Even in that first line the balanced vision shows.

ADESTE FIDELES

By Rex MacGall

IN Dublin, streets are yellow lit,
scarlet and chrome in Fashion Row,
in doorway, chanting "Silent Night,"
near Leeson Bridge a vibrant flow.
In fearless streets no sudden pit,
no rubble where a model slow
would show a curve in creaseless white.
In London, Berlin, pyres will glow,
will rise, will flood, will splash the sky,
as ruined churches sound the knell
of Christmas, 1944,
while bombers trickle seeds of hell.

Treeless wastes and mud-filled pits,
blood in the rain machine-guns spray . . .
Quiet by night are Liffey mists
that cloak another Christmas Day.
Europe with barbed wire's rusty strings
binding the shaking earth to hate.
As Athens shakes with ELAS cheers
tradition flirts: we celebrate.

A bayonet, sten gun, bomber's drone:
the world with chaos plays at dice,
and slavery's cry in every street:
that men be equal, swords must meet.

Gentle Annie

By Patrick Kavanagh

Myself—and Some Others. By Annie M. P. Smithson. The Talbot Press. 7/6 net; School House in the Wind. By Anne Treneer. Jonathan Cape. 7/6 net.

TWO of them, in fact. And they have more in common than their names. The Cornish woman's autobiography is, perhaps, the more "literary," but, for more reasons than patriotic ones, Miss Smithson deserves first place. Miss Smithson begins this account of her life exactly three hours before she actually arrived in the world. But it is not that.

What makes this autobiography particularly interesting is that peculiar "goodness of heart" which the authoress expresses on every page, a goodness which is also possessed by so different a writer as Godfrey Winn. It is a treacle with a powerful attraction for money, and from which can be distilled a poteen as potent as ever came out of Connemara. This poteen is my symbol for reaction and all the censorships, bigotries, etc. It is a real lesson in the harm that good men and women do.

Let it, however, be said at once that this "goodness," this pietism, in Miss Smithson's book is—as all its successful breed is everywhere—completely genuine and unconscious. Many writers in the cynical pursuit of success formulae have attempted to invent this mood, but the great idiotic public can always see through the disguise.

Apart from her prolific novel writing, Miss Smithson has had a busy life. She has been a nurse, head of the nurses' organisation, has taken part in our Troubles—having been in Moran's Hotel with the Irregulars in '22

From the point of view of readability, "Myself—and Some Others" is most enjoyable as a piece of gossip. There is a most moving chapter on her hopeless passion for a young married man. She has a vivid account of the "Twalfth" in Portadown.

> As I passed several street corners, I noticed piles of paving stones and bricks heaped up. I asked one of my patients casually one day whether building operations were going on nearby. She laughed. "Och—no, nurse! Them's for the papishes on the Twalfth."
>
> I stared at her. "What do you mean?" I asked in bewilderment.
>
> "Sure you're from Dublin and wouldn't onderstan'. We like to have a fling at the papishes and yon's the reason for the stones."

That is an example of Miss Smithson at her best, showing a nice detachment when the treacle is in short supply.

Her publishers claim that "thousands of her readers will find this story of her own life quite as interesting as her novels." Although I have never read any of her novels, I would be surprised if this is not an understatement; for "Myself—and Some Others" has entertained me.

It has been rather hard luck on Miss Anne Treneer to find herself coupled to so lively a goat as Miss Smithson. Miss Treneer is a Cornishwoman, the daughter of a schoolmaster. She is the author of a book on Doughty. Here she gives us an account of her childhood, catching a nice sentiment and pointing no moral at all. One does expect to find some public *raison d'être* for an autobiography—except, of course, among Irishmen, particularly men from the west, where the fact of a man being an Irishman is sufficient reason.

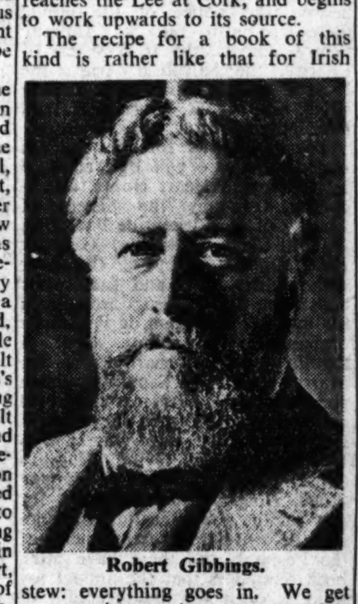
Miss Treneer writes very well. As one reads her accounts of the people with whom she has come into contact one gets something of the pathos of that masterpiece, "The Diary of a Nobody." This, too, is a most enjoyable book; and, as in Miss Smithson's, the top of each chapter has a verse quotation—very much the same kind of verse too.

Irish Journey

Lovely is the Lee. By Robert Gibbings. Dent. 12/6 net.

A BOOK by Mr. Robert Gibbings makes an ideal Christmas present. It may be relied upon to entertain almost everybody; it is decorated by one of the best living book-illustrators—the author himself; and the publishers have printed and bound it as if they loved their job. "Lovely is the Lee" starts, as a matter of fact, in Galway, and carries on through the West coast and the islands. It is not until the book is half over that Mr. Gibbings reaches the Lee at Cork, and begins to work upwards to its source.

The recipe for a book of this kind is rather like that for Irish



Robert Gibbings.

stew: everything goes in. We get conversations (more or less *verbatim*), folk-tales, anecdotes, and fragments about birds, beasts and buildings—all linked together by the personality of the affable, the inquisitive, the completely omnivorous Mr. Gibbings. There is no attempt to make a formal record of a tour in Ireland. The author strolls, and as he strolls he chats. The result is the most delightful book of travel that has appeared since Mr. Gibbings's own "Coming Down the Wye." "Lovely is the Lee," the author's first book on Ireland, has been eagerly awaited, and it will disappoint nobody. And there are still plenty of rivers left.

Children's Books

The Sandman's Hour, by Nellie Elliott, is a pleasant little book of poems for children from six to ten, with admirable illustrations by Karl Uhlemann. One is doubtful whether the impact of the poem "At Night" on a young imagination would be entirely beneficial; apart from this, the poems "tell most lovely tales, Of treasure ships and pirates, Of fishes, birds and snails." Paper and printing are of the highest quality. (Three Candles Press. 5/-.)

The Blue-Coated Heron, by Clare Collas, is another tale about the Loder family, who featured in "The Flying Village" and "Four's Company." This time, however, the chief characters are a cat named Jacob and a parrot named Mr. Hawkins, who set out to rescue an airman marooned on a Pacific island. The illustrations, as before, are by Dod Proctor, R.A. (Peter Davies. 8/6.)

GOVERNMENT NOTICES.

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LARD: .... 1/2 per lb.

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Van Houten's Gold Label, per qr. lb. 7½d.
Home and Colonial Standard, Jacob's Family, Lipton's Red Label, Van Houten's Mild, per qr. lb. .... 6d.
Rowntree's Elect, per qr. lb. .... 5½d.
Bournville, Fry's Breakfast, per qr. lb. .. 5d.
Other varieties, per qr. lb. .... 4½d.
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Drinking Chocolate, per qr. lb. ...... 4½d.
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Maltiko, per lb. .... 10d.

COFFEE:
Ground or Unground, per lb. 3/-
Do. Do. in tins, per lb. 3/2
Bottled Preparations—"Irel" Coffee and Chicory Essence, Newsom's Coffee Essence, Cantwell's Coffee and Chicory Essence, Paten's Coffee and Chicory, Alfa Coffee Extract with Chicory. Per bottle: 3 ozs. size, 8½d.; 4½ ozs. size, 1/3; 9 ozs. size, 2/3.

HONEY:
Section Honey—2/8 per lb. gross weight.
Run Honey:
(a) bottle or jar containing ½lb., 1/6.
(b) bottle or jar containing other than ½lb., 2/8 per lb. net weight.
(Above prices include cost of container or wrapping material.)

BEEF EXTRACTS:
Erinox Cubes, per cube .... 1d.
Bottles of Bovril, per Bottlet .... 3½d.

Bovril in bottles. Size oz.	Per bottle. s. d.	Invalid Bovril in jars. Size oz.	Per jar s. d.
1	0 8	2	1 5
2	1 3	4	2 7
4	2 2½	8	4 9
8	3 11		
16	6 4		

BLACK AND WHITE PUDDINGS: 1/2 per lb

SAUSAGES:

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Meat Content: s. d.
35 p.c. or over and less than 55 p.c. .. 1 1
55 p.c. or over and less than 75 p.c. .. 1 2
75 p.c. or over 1 3
(Where beef sausages are filled in sheep casings and are sold at not less than 12 to the lb., the rates specified above may be increased by not more than 2d. per lb.).

KOSHER BEEF SAUSAGES ...... Per lb. s. d. 2 0

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35 p.c. or over and less than 55 p.c. 1 5
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1d. per lb. less than the price of pork sausages of similar meat content classification.

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KIDNEY SUET: 1/3 per lb.

CAUL, HEART, CROWN, REED, AND FLANK FATS: 1/- per lb.

BACON: (GREEN) PER LB.
When sold in slices or pieces—Gammon or Square Cut Ham—Round—Boneless, 3/-, Gammon or Square Cut Ham—Round—Bone in, 2/10; Gammon or Square Cut Ham—Shank—Boneless, 2/-; Gammon or Square Cut Ham—Shank—Bone in, 1/8; Ham—Long Cut—Round, 3/4; Ham—Long Cut Shank, 2/1. Collar, 2/-; Shoulder, 1/5; Wiltshire Back, 3/-; Streak, 2/10; Breast, 2/2; Flank, 1/2; Long Clear Back—Middle Cut, 3/-; Long Clear Belly—Middle Cut, 2/10; Irish Rolled, 2/7.
The above prices may be increased by not more than 2d. per lb. for pale dried or smoked bacon.

COOKED HAM: Per lb. s. d.
Boneless and Skinless 4 8

PORK PER LB.
Shoulder — Whole, 1/9; Chops — Shoulder, 2/3; Chops—Side Loin, 2/3; Chops—Centre Loin, 2/5; Chops—Rib Loin, 2/5; Loin—Side, 1/11, Loin—Centre, 2/1; Loin Rib, 2/1; Belly or Lap—Whole, 2/-; Belly or Lap—Slices or Pieces, 2/1; Leg—Whole, 1/9; Leg—Shank, 1/7; Leg—Fillet, 2/-; Flank, 1/1.

SWEETS AND CHOCOLATES:
Maximum retail prices for sweets and chocolates are fixed in Emergency Powers (Sweets and Chocolates) (Maximum Prices) Order, 1943 (S.R. & O. No. 348 of 1943), as amended by First Amendment Order (S.R. & O. No. 57 of 1944).
In the case of sweets vendible by weight and chocolates, the maximum retail prices are fixed in the Order by reference to Scheduled Marks (e.g., S.1, S.2, C.L.3). In the case of sweets vendible by count or by the piece, the maximum retail prices are the prices indicated by the manufacturer. All sweets and chocolates on sale should show: (a) trade name; (b) name of manufacturer or his mark; (c) maximum retail price; (d) in the case of sweets vendible by weight and chocolates, the Scheduled Mark; (e) sweets vendible by count or by the piece must be so marked. The prices shown must not be exceeded.
Sweets and chocolates as supplied by manufacturers must not be mixed or the composition altered.
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CONDENSED MILK (IRISH):
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RAISINS, SULTANAS & PRUNES:

	Per lb. s. d.
Seedless Raisins, Sultaninas or Sultanas	3 8
All other Raisins	2 0
Prunes	2 10

DRIED AND CANNED PEAS:
Details of maximum retail prices fixed for Peas are contained in the Rationing and Price Control Handbook.

§ONIONS (including Potato Onions and Shallots)
To 31/12/44 .... 6d. per lb.
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Where appropriate, prices for smaller quantities must not be at a higher rate than the standard maximum rate. For instance, the price of a quarter pound of lard must not exceed 3½d.

It is illegal to sell or offer for sale any of these commodities at a price in excess of the appropriate price. Where overcharging is suspected, the purchaser should ask for a statement in writing, signed by the vendor or his agent, and containing (1) name and address of the vendor; (2) date of sale; (3) description of commodity; (4) net weight, measure or number of the commodity (as the case may be); (5) sum charged. This statement should be forwarded to the Department of Supplies, Ballsbridge, Dublin, so that proceedings can be instituted against the offender. Purchasers should report without delay any instance of refusal to furnish the required statement.

Purchasers are also reminded that it is illegal for a retailer to sell any of the abovementioned articles (a) upon terms that the purchaser, in addition to purchasing such article, shall purchase any other article, or pay for the rendering by the vendor of any service in connection with such article, or any other article; or (b) as part of a lot consisting of such article and any other article.

23rd December, 1944. JOHN LEYDON, Secretary.

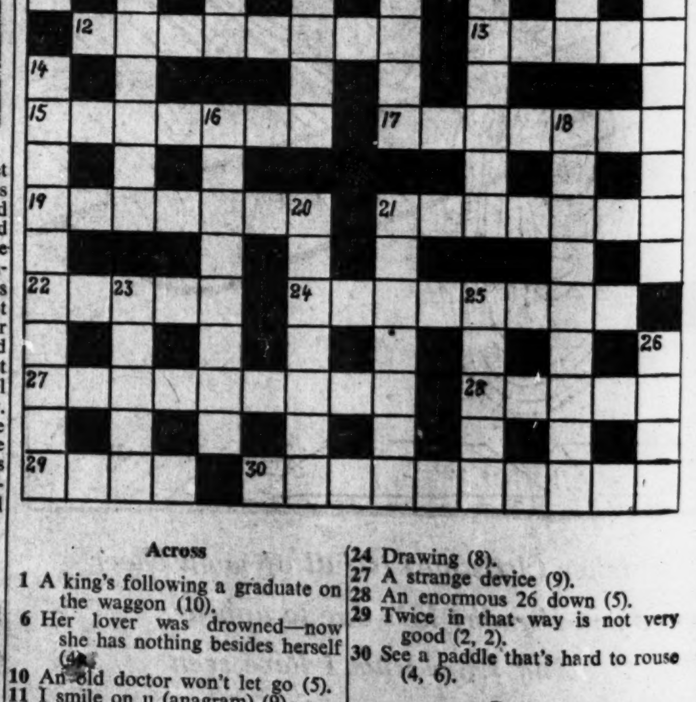
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IRISH TIMES CROSSWORD.—No. 94

By CROSAIRE



Across

1 A king's following a graduate on the waggon (10).
6 Her lover was drowned—now she has nothing besides herself (4).
10 An old doctor won't let go (5).
11 I smile on u (anagram) (9).
12 Roll on, years (8).
13 Clank? (5).
15 Shorten a canine appendage (7).
17 That is, the North in NaCl (7).
19 The city of a belligerent woodcutter is on this river (7).
21 This Sheridan character is an absolute outsider (7).
22 A pole like a pound of an organ (5).
24 Drawing (8).
27 A strange device (9).
28 An enormous 26 down (5).
29 Twice in that way is not very good (2, 2).
30 See a paddle that's hard to rouse (4, 6).

Down

1 Round and soft withal (4).
2 You'll get information where he's in the bull (9).
3 She is sorely muddled with a bill (5).
4 Out of sorts, with a leg messed-up (7).
5 This goddess seems in confusion (7).
7 To ease around a cover? (5).
8 "Be kindly affectioned —— to —— with brotherly love; in honour preferring —— ——" (St. Paul) (3, 7).
9 Of a bivalve? (8).
14 Legal five downs, perhaps, are dirty feeders (10).
16 A queer flower? (4, 4).
18 It's complicated, but it would make a boat reel (9).
20 One-step, perhaps (7).
21 After a yard, a colour fought (7).
23 SAS? (5).
25 Such rates are idle (5).
26 Capsized vessels go no further (4).

(SOLUTION NEXT WEEK)

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CHURCH NOTICES.

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SUNDAY NEXT (CHRISTMAS EVE).
11.15—Preacher, The Dean.
3.15—The Nine Lessons and Carols.
CHRISTMAS DAY.
8—Holy Communion in the Lady Chapel.
11.15—Te Deum—John Ireland. There were shepherds—Handel.
12—Holy Communion. Choral. Preacher—Canon Luce.
3.15—Evening Prayer. Christmas Music from Messiah.

UNITARIAN CHURCH,
112 STEPHEN'S GREEN.
SUNDAY,
24th December, 1944.
Subjects:
11.30 a.m.—EXPERIMENT IN GRASS.
7.30 p.m.—MIND, ETHER AND ENERGY.
CHRISTMAS DAY.
11.30 a.m.—SPIRIT OF THE DAY.
CHRISTMAS CAROLS.
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GOVERNMENT NOTICES.

AN ROINN TALMHAIOCHTA.
AGRICULTURAL PRODUCE (EGGS) ACT, 1939.
The Minister for Agriculture has appointed the number **48** as the CODE MARK to be applied to Eggs tested at Wholesalers' premises or examined at Retailers' premises during the period from 25th December to 30th December, 1944 (both dates inclusive).
D. TWOMEY, Secretary.
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AN ROINN OIDEACHAIS.
OIDEACHAS NÁISIÚNTA.
FÓGRA DO BHAINISTEÓIRÍ AGUS D'OIDÍ SCOL.
SCRÚDÚCHÁN FÉ TEASTAIS GAEDHILGE, MÁRTA, 1945.

Tá socair ag an Roinn an céad scrúdúchán eile fé Teastais Gaedhilge a beith ann Dia h-Aoine, Márta a 2, 1945, ag ionaid comhgaracha ar fud na tíre. Ní leigfear fé'n scrúdúchán so ach daoine atá ar seirbhís aitheanta mar Oidí Scol Náisiúnta agus daoine a bhfuil cáilidheacht Oidí Náisiúnta aca cheana. Oidí atá neamh-fhortaighthe nó oidí atá ar seirbhís aitheanta, ach nach bhfuil fuirm iarratais faighte aca go fóill, agus gur mian leo tinnreamh ar an scrúdúchán, is féidir leo an clár agus na fuirmeacha d'fhagháil ach scríobhadh chuig an Rúnaidhe, An Roinn Oideachais, Sráid Maoilbhrighde, Baile Átha Cliath, agus "S.G." a chur ar an gcúinne íochtarach clé de'n chlúdach. Ní mór dos na h-iarratóirí a luadh cia aca an bhfuil siad ar seirbhís nó neamh-fhortaighthe agus iad ag iarraidh fuirmeacha.

Ba ceart go mbéadh na fuirmeacha, agus iad líonta go cuibhe, ar ais san Oifig ar an 15adh Eanair, 1945, ar a déideannaighe.

Ní cuirfear aon páipéar le h-agaidh Gráda an Gnát-Teastais ag Scrúdúchán na Márta seo chugainn. I n-a áit sin déanfar socrughadh chun scrúdúchán fá choinne an Ghráda san a chur ar fagháil i dtaca le Páipéar a h-Aon de'n Chúrsa Onóraigh i nGaedhilg ag Scrúdúchán na h-Ard-Teistiméireachta i Mí an Meithimh seo chugainn. Is féidir fuirmeacha iarratais agus gach eolas fá'n scrúdúchán speisialta so d'fhagháil ó'n Rúnaidhe, An Roinn Oideachais, Sráid Maoilbhrighde, Baile Átha Cliath.

MÍCHEÁL BREATHNACH, Rúnaidhe.
Oifig an Oideachais Náisiúnta,
Mí na Nollag, 1944.
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THE HOUSING OF THE WORKING CLASSES ACTS, 1890 TO 1931, AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSING (FINANCIAL AND MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT, 1932.
LIMERICK CORPORATION.
THE PENNYWELL AREA COMPULSORY PURCHASE ORDER, 1944.
WHEREAS in pursuance of Section 37 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1931, the Limerick Corporation have made and submitted to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health for confirmation by him a compulsory purchase Order, entitled "The Pennywell Area Compulsory Purchase Order, 1944," authorising the said Corporation to purchase compulsorily for the purposes of Part III of the Housing of the Working Classes Act, 1890, the lands described in the Schedule to the said Order:
AND WHEREAS objections to the said Order were made to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health by persons upon whom notices of the making of the said Order were required to be served:
NOW THEREFORE the Minister for Local Government and Public Health hereby gives notice that he has appointed Mr. M. J. Scott B.E., to hold a Public Local Inquiry as to the propriety of confirming the said Order with or without modification, and to report to him thereon. The said Mr. M. J. Scott, B.E., will attend at the Town Hall, Limerick, on Wednesday, 3rd January, 1945, at 11 o'clock a.m., to hold inquiry accordingly.
J. HURSON, Runai.
Department of Local Government and Public Health, Custom House, Dublin. December, 1944.
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RAILWAY ACCIDENT INQUIRY.
THE Minister for Industry and Commerce has directed that an Inquiry shall be held into the causes of, and circumstances attending, the railway accident which occurred near Portlaoighise on 20th December, 1944. The proceedings will be opened at Kingsbridge at 11 a.m. on to-day (Saturday), 23rd. December.
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PUBLIC NOTICES

NATIONAL MATERNITY HOSPITAL, DUBLIN.
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Note—Owing to an error in this advertisement yesterday, the words "with payment of fee" appeared. This should have read "without payment of fee." as above.

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CHURCH NOTICES.

METHODIST CENTENARY CHURCH,
ST. STEPHEN'S GREEN.
To-morrow (Sunday)—11, Rev. A. W. Gamble. 7.15, Carol Service.
Christmas Day—11, Rev. A. W. Gamble. Christmas Music from "The Messiah." Soloists—Renee Flynn, Thomas Attwooll.

ABBEY STREET METHODIST CHURCH.
CAROL SERVICE, TO-MORROW (Sunday 24th), at 7.15.
Christmas Story: "Railway TO Happiness."

ABBEY CHURCH,
PARNELL SQUARE.
CHRISTMAS DAY:
BRIEF SERVICE AT 11.30 a.m.

FOR TENDERS AND LEGAL NOTICE SEE PAGE 6.

CHURCH SERVICES

TUESDAY

ST. PATRICK'S.—10, Matins. 8 and 11, H.C. in the Lady Chapel. 4, Evensong.
CHRIST CHURCH.—10.45, Matins and H.C. 12, Lecture by the Dean.
HOLY TRINITY, Rathmines.—8, H.C.
THE MAGDALEN CHURCH, Lower Leeson street (the Church's Ministry of Healing).—10.30, H.C.
ST. STEPHEN'S, Upper Mount street.—11, Matins and H.C. 5.30, Evensong.
CHRIST CHURCH, Taney.—8, H.C. 10, M.P.
ST. ANN'S, Dawson street.—11.30, H.C.

EXHIBITION OF PHOTOGRAPHS

The exhibition of photographs of Dublin personalities by "P.C." in Grafton street, Dublin, includes many well-known Dublin figures from Una Bowles, a Dawn Beauty contest winner, to Judge Shannon, and from Martin Thornton, the boxer, to Hilton Edwards, the theatrical producer. The photographs are uniform in size and type and the standard generally is high.

DEATH

JAMES—December 22, 1944, at Ballinapierce, Enniscorthy, Elizabeth Jane James. Funeral to Templeshambo to-mrorow (Sunday) at 1 o'clock (S.T.).

The Irish Times

SATURDAY, DEC. 23, 1944.

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

To write about Christmas in existing circumstances might seem to be the hollowest and most cynical mockery. "Peace on earth, goodwill towards men": such was the message proclaimed by the angels on the night of the Nativity. Where is peace to be found to-day? After nearly two thousand years, human goodwill remains an ideal towards which mankind has been groping down the centuries; but its achievement evidently is farther away than ever it was. The sixth Christmas of the World War is marked by a sudden intensification of military activity on the Western Front. Just thirty years ago, when the world also was locked in a deadly struggle, the men who were fighting in France and Flanders yielded to the spirit of the season and declared what amounted to an unofficial armistice, during which friend and foe fraternised in "No Man's Land." This year there will be no such display of human feeling. The Germans have undertaken a full-scale offensive against Belgium and Luxembourg. They already have driven deep wedges into the American lines, launching their attack from the same springboard which they used, first in 1914, and again in the summer of 1940. As we write, the situation is described as "fluid." Both sides have dropped a heavy curtain of censorship over the operations; and all that can be said at this stage is that Marshal von Rundstedt has been able to concentrate between fifteen and twenty divisions on a comparatively narrow front, and to embark upon a military enterprise which bears a remarkably close analogy to General Ludendorff's mighty offensive in the Spring of 1918, when the Germans smashed their way through the defences of the British 5th Army near St. Quentin in a final, and almost successful, attempt to win the war. In Italy Marshal von Kesselring also is showing signs of renewed activity. Here again the Allies have been forced to give ground, and Christmas, far from being a festival of peace, is likely to be marked by mounting carnage. In Hungary the Russians are reported to be on the point of making another thrust towards Bratislava and Vienna. For all practical purposes, Budapest has ceased to count as a vital link in the Germans' defensive chain. Casualties on both sides are believed to be uncommonly heavy; and they probably will be heavier still. In Greece the situation hardly could be worse. General Scobie has threatened to shell certain parts of Athens, and apparently all efforts to bring about an understanding between the British and the Greek insurgents have failed. Along the vast Russian front, stretching from Rumania to the Baltic, millions of men are facing one another in bitter strife. Thousands of miles away, in Burma, Britain's 14th Army is fighting in circumstances that defy description; while, in the Pacific, particularly in the Philippine area, Christmas Day will be little more than a date on the calendar of war.

Yet, at this time of the year, however mankind may be suffering, men and women in all parts of the world must find opportunity for thought. Christmas is the universal symbol of human redemption, of the Word that became flesh, when that shining star led the wise men of the East to the stable in Bethlehem. That symbol remains, and will continue to remain, whatever frenzies may assail the human race, and however much man's madness may seem to justify despair. After five and a-half years, people of all nations are beginning to realise that this war is no mere quarrel over this frontier or that; no mere struggle for markets or even for territorial aggrandisement. It is one of those cosmic upheavals that come upon the world at widely separated intervals; it certainly did not begin in 1939, but rather in 1914 or even earlier. It is a vast struggle between different modes of thought, each of which is striving to assert itself at the expense of the other. The men who started the actual conflict, as well as those who are carrying it on to-day, are no more than instruments in the hands of some greater Power which is directing human energies and human emotions towards ends of which common mortals are blindly ignorant. At the time of the Reformation, there was a like eruption, which ravaged Europe until the end of the Thirty Years' War. Another occurred during the French Revolution, which took an appalling toll of human life. On both these occasions contemporary opinion was just as sorely baffled as opinion in all parts of the world is baffled to-day. Out of the bloody sacrifices of the Reformation sprang a new way of thought and, indeed, of life. The fall of the Bastille, with all the savage cruelty and barbarous excesses which accompanied and followed it, is regarded now by all enlightened men as a landmark in the history of the secular struggle for human freedom. To-day we of this tortured generation are assisting at one of history's climaterics. We are so close to events that we cannot see them in any kind of reasonable or clarified perspective. Passions are running so high that eyes are dimmed by anger or grief; and all the time men and women of every race are bemused and bewildered by the raucous voices of competing propaganda. The wood is hidden by the trees; but it was ever thus. At least fifty years will be needed before the basic issues in the present struggle can emerge out of the fog of confusion and misunderstanding into the light of day. Admittedly, when brother's hand is turned against brother, when nations, proud and jealous of their cultures, are abandoning themselves to a senseless orgy of rapine and destruction, it is not easy to discern the ultimately benevolent workings of a providential mind. Nevertheless, we cannot doubt that they exist. Christmas, 1944, sees the storms of wrath at the apex of their violence Let us pray that, twelve months hence, the old, undying message will not be unheard in the clamour of human folly.

La Donna

The appointment of the first woman professor at the University of Oxford merits, in these days of big news and small papers, only a few lines of comment in any journal. Yet the time is not so far distant when such an announcement would have seemed like the triumphal fanfare of bloody revolution. Oxford, the oldest university in these islands, has been, perhaps, the most conservative. One must add that conservatism is by no means a reprehensible quality; it is the natural reaction of those who, knowing that they have something which is very precious, hesitate to impair it by any hasty action. Oxford certainly was not precipitate in its admission of women. Not until the year 1920 did they attain full standing in the University—after the Great War had done a great deal to prove the equality of the sexes. Dublin University, it may be added, was considerably in advance of Oxford on this particular matter; women have been admissible to degrees since 1904. Fellowships, indeed, are closed to them still; but only a short time ago the first woman Regius Professor—Miss Frances Moran, Regius Professor of Laws—was appointed in the University. If one may judge, however, from the survey of opinion among women students, which was conducted by the magazine, *T.C.D.*, during last term, discrimination in the academic world does not worry the ladies of Trinity unduly. Woman's place, they seem to feel, is in the home; and the sooner they all secure homes of their own to remain in the better they will be pleased. This, of course, is as it ought to be. A man will bow the knee with the greatest goodwill to a single female professor; but if there were too many female professors he would turn from admiration to resentment. Who is to rule over his kitchen if his wife is in the library? Who is to darn his socks and choose his ties? Enough women must be left for these essential duties. Man does not object if woman's hand rules the world; but he will become rebellious if it fails, at the same time, to rock the cradle.

SIR CRAWFORD McCULLAGH, Lord Mayor of Belfast, and his son Mr. Crawford McCullagh, have arrived in Dublin for Christmas.

Sir John Rhodes has arrived in Dublin from London and is staying at the Shelbourne Hotel.

Mrs. J. de Trafford, who arrived in Dublin this week from London, has left for the South of Ireland.

Mrs. M. Wood Power has left Dublin for the country.

The engagement is announced, and the marriage will take place early in January, of Dermot George Berry, B.A., B.A.I., only son of Rev. G. T. and Mrs. Berry, The Rectory, Mullingar, and Adeline Doble, A.I.H.A., elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Doble, Knebworth, Herts.

The engagement is announced between Edgar Wallace, only son of Mr. and Mrs. John L. Roe, Cumberland street, Birr, and Amy Elizabeth (Betty), elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hardy H. W. Wells, St. Mary's, 127 Templeogue road, Terenure, Dublin.

The engagement is announced between Palmer, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs William Notley, Antfield House, Dromod, Co. Leitrim, and Gladys Louisa, youngest daughter of Mrs. and the late Robert James Campbell, Cullyfad House, Killoe, Co. Longford. The marriage will take place early in the new year.

The engagement is announced, and the marriage will take place early in the new year, between Dr. Eamon Flynn, 8 Booterstown ave., Blackrock, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Flynn, Warrenpoint, and Maureen, eldest daughter of Mrs. Nesbitt and the late Patrick A. Nesbitt, Templemore, Co. Tipperary.

The engagement is announced of Henry, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward A. P. Bantry White, Derrymore, Delgany, and Gladys Marion, daughter of the late Walter J. Marchant and of Mrs. Marchant, Lower Beechwood ave., Ranelagh.

The engagement is announced, and the marriage will take place shortly, of Dare Hastings Draper, M.B., L.M., Rosenau, Zion road, Rathgar, and Audrey Joan Begley, St. Leonards, Strand road, Merrion, Dublin.

Dr. E. T. Freeman will be away from 22 Fitzwilliam square from 26th December until 2nd January.

Dr. Colm A. McDonnell will be out of town until 2nd January.

Mr. G. V. Sullivan, Mr. J. J. Moynihan and Mr. J. V. Buckley have left Dublin for Cork, where they are spending Christmas.

Mr. Frank Duff has left 113 Lr. Baggot street for ten days.

Mr. Frank O'Dea has left 1 Merrion sq. until January 2nd.

Mr. T. O'Neill, F.R.C.S., will be absent from No. 1 Fitzwilliam place until January 1st.

Mr. J. Graham Alford, 53 Harcourt street, will be away for one week.

Irish Personalities by "P.C."—Ireland's Who's Who in Pictures. The first of a series of exhibitions by Ireland's best-known photographer. One hundred brilliant camera portraits, all made this month. Now on view at 87 Grafton street. Admission 1/-.

During the Christmas holidays one of the biggest attractions will be the South County Dublin Harriers' Hunt Ball in the Spa Hotel, Lucan, on St. Stephen's Night, Tuesday, 26th December. Dancing from 9 to 3 a.m. There are a very limited number of tickets still available.

Meath Hunt Ball, at Gresham Hotel on New Year's Night, Monday, January 1st. Dancing, 10 to 3. Tickets inclusive of supper and tax, 20s. each. On sale at the Gresham Hotel, or from Mr. Frank Cannon.

The Ward Hunt Ball will be held at the Gresham Hotel, Friday, 29th December.

Ballymacad Hunt Ball, Gresham Hotel, January 31st, 1945. Particulars later.

O'Connell School Union Dance,
(Continued in Next Column.)

LONDON LETTER

59 FLEET ST., LONDON,
FRIDAY NIGHT.

MR. J. ARTHUR RANK has just completed what is by far the British film industry's largest single deal with the American distributing companies. The contract provides for the nation-wide release of "Henry V" and seven other British pictures. These are:—"The Way Ahead," "Mr. Emmanuel," "English Without Tears," "This Happy Breed," "Blithe Spirit," "Colonel Blimp," and "Cæsar and Cleopatra." The last-named is nearing completion at Denham, and has Claude Rains and Vivian Lee as the stars.

Christmas Shopping

Central London stores had their best war-time Christmas this year, to judge from the extraordinary crowds and the amazing amounts of money being spent. Their only difficulty has been to secure sufficient goods. It would not be surprising if most of the stores have not set up financial records for Christmastide trade; for the price of most gifts is between three and four times higher than pre-war. Oranges are more numerous than at any previous Christmas of the war. Some twenty-four million are being distributed in the Greater London area at ninepence a lb. This would allow about a lb. a head of the population. The Ministry of Food has not done too badly in increasing the meat ration for Christmas week from 1s. 2d. worth per head to 1s. 9d. A small quantity of currants and raisins has been obtainable, but candied peel is still out of the question.

Quickly-built Houses

Now that the Portal house has been shelved, the field has been thrown open to several other quickly erected homes, some of them of the "temporary" category. The Ministry of Works has many visitors to its demonstration ground at Northolt, Middlesex. Seven demonstration blocks there have been built by special methods and special materials, such as will be required to utilise more fully, and also to supplement the resources of the building industry after the end of the war in Europe. The others are built of brick in the traditional manner, but embody much improved internal planning and arrangement. No fewer than four million new houses will be needed within the next ten or twelve years, and to add to the magnitude of the task before the building industry, there is a six-year accumulation of deferred maintenance, and several million houses damaged in air raids which have received only temporary repair.

OBITUARY

MR. GERALD DOWSE

Mr. Gerald Dowse, O.B.E., headmaster of Cowley School, St. Helen's, Lancashire, died suddenly in the school on Thursday after he had finished his "school dismiss" speech to the boys. Aged 63, he resigned at the end of the summer holidays from the headmastership of the school. He was the son of the late R. W. Dowse, Harcourt street, Dublin, and was one of a family of fifteen—eight girls and seven boys. Two of his brothers and five of his sisters reside in Dublin. A sister of the late Mr. Dowse, Mrs. Roberts, lives in Belfast, and another sister, Mrs. W. E. Trimble, lives in Enniskillen.

GOING TO BELFAST

Mr. John Lyons, publicity and assistant manager of the Theatre Royal, Dublin, has been appointed salesman of Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Pictures, Ltd., with headquarters in Belfast. He will take up duty on January 1st. Over eight years ago he forsook journalism to become publicity manager of the Theatre Royal. Later he was appointed publicity manager and house manager of the Savoy Cinema, only to return to the Theatre Royal in the dual position he now occupies.

Three years ago Mr. Lyons was awarded the Hollywood gold medal for the most effective publicity on behalf of his theatre in war-time conditions. This was the first occasion on which the award came to Europe.

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Michaelmas Term, 1944.
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K.I. denotes King's Inns student. S.A. denotes Solicitor's Apprentice.

RECEIVED BY PRESIDENT

The Taoiseach, the Nuncio Apostolic, the Most Rev. Dr. Pascal Robinson—who was accompanied by the Right Rev. Monsignor Enrici—and the Archbishop of Dublin, the Most Rev. Dr. McQuaid—accompanied by the Rev. C. Mangan—were received by the President yesterday.

(Continued from Previous Column.)
27th December, 1944. Book now, Gresham Hotel, 10s.

Switzer and Co., Ltd., will remain open this (Sat.) afternoon. The Premises will be closed on next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday—re-opening on Thursday morning.

Last day to choose the gift you have just remembered . . . . go to Arts, Ltd. (beside the Gresham Hotel); you can pick some lovely things there, or buy one of their attractive Gift Tokens that are issued for any amount . . . . Open all day to-day (Saturday).

The French Shop re-opens on Wednesday, December 27th, with a new selection of lovely Day and Dance Frocks.—3 South William st.

Tel. No.: Miltown Malbay 4.—Marine Hotel, Spanish Point, Co. Clare—The management wish their many friends the season's compliments. Hotel re-opens 1st April.

An easy last-minute Gift — An attractive Reproduction or Decorative Mirror.—The Print Shops, 19 Nassau street and 8 South Anne street, Dublin.

Leaders of Fashion in all Spectacle wear.—Dixon and Hempenstall, Grafton street.

Cosy slippers make an attractive and inexpensive Christmas gift.—Stephens & Bourke.

A delightful wine — Gonzalez Nutty Solera Sherry.

Lucy Scott wishes her many customers a happy Christmas and a bright New Year.—32 Wicklow st.

Frameless bevelled mirrors—any design.—Plate Glass Silicate Marble Co., Johnson's place. Phone 21527.

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Cruiskeen Lawn

By Myles na gCopaleen

I WAS thinking being closed today. (The Christmas holly days.) *Hodie non descendit Antonius. Cur? Dat natalicia in hortis.*

(Cicero, of course.) The *horti* referred to are the Zoological Gardens, whither, each Christmas Eve, I bring my wives and children to show them—of all seasonable (and santa) claws—the toe of the mistle-thrush.

A word of counsel, by the way. It has come to my notice that not a few purveyors have become confused about the *specification* of certain commodities and that while some are offering the public certain juvenile whiskeys, others are exposing for sale fifteen year old ("liqueur") turkeys. If any member of your family consumes either of these, the patient should be put lying down, clothing about the neck loosened, and a doctor sent for immediately. Hot fomentations (the cold ones are no good) may be applied to the stomach.

By the way, there are at least two sides to every story. Here is the sort of letter that may yet be written:—

To: Messrs. Shellac, Sulphur and Spirits of Ammonia (Eire) Ltd., No. 1789 Hangover Quay, Dublin.

APOLOGY FOR MISLEADING PUBLIC.

Sirs.—

I HEREBY TENDER TO YOU my unqualified apology for having sold as three star Portuguese Brandy a certain mixture whereas the said mixture was a prescription of shellac, sulphur and spirits of ammonia compounded to your copyright directions and further was above the strength specified in the contract between us. I UNDERTAKE never in future to sell or allow to be sold on my premises as brandy any mixture of your devising and I further undertake to take such steps as will render impossible a recurrence of the matter complained of. I authorise you to make any use you wish of this statement, short of publication.

(*Signed*) ———————

It *could* happen.

Christmas, incidentally, can be discerned in the newspaper 'small ads.' Here are two which appeared together in an evening paper under 'Matrimonial':

'REFINED educated young Lady, with good position, desires to meet nice Gentleman (28-30), of respectable family; little means if possible. Box ———'

'WILL Young Lady who was reading "Inspector Frost's Jigsaw" on tram, Thursday morning, communicate with Box ———.'

And here are two others which appeared recently in the same paper:

'LARGE fort, Soldiers and Artilery, etc., for sale. Seen ———, King St.'

'BATTLESHIP for sale, as new, £1.'

These, then, are all the little jokes (you *are* amused, I hope) I can muster to-day. I conclude by expressing the hope (and here there is no calloused phrase, no empty formula, no set rigmarole) I conclude by expressing the hope—I speak from the heart—that I will have a very happy Christmas and prosperous New Year.

WORK OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

"There is no doubt that the work done by the St. Vincent de Paul Society has captured the imagination of the people," said the President of the Council of Dublin, at the general meeting of the Society in the Mansion House, Dublin. Next year, he added, they would be celebrating the centenary of the establishment of the Society in Ireland.

The President of the Council of Ireland said that since the last meeting the Society had suffered an outstanding loss by reason of the death of Cardinal Maglione, who had been Cardinal Protector of the Society and had devoted many years to its welfare. He remarked that the Conference of St. Michan (Dublin), within a few days, would have completed 100 years of working, and the Conference of St. Nicholas of Myra and the Conference of St. Mary and St. Peter, Rathmines, were both about to enter on their 100th year.

The Rev. John Delany, C.C., Dun Laoghaire, who presided, said that charity had only one true meaning—the love of God for His own sake and the love of one's neighbour because he was a child of God. Charity in that sense was the *raison d'être* of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

WIGODER CUP FINAL

Mrs. Roy's team (Mrs. Roy, capt.; Messrs. H. Fine, H. Williams and P. Quinn) defeated Mr. E. J. Boland's team (Messrs. E. J. Boland, capt.; J. Wallis, W. R. and J. Bastow) by 2,020 points in the final of the Wigoder Cup competition. Most of the winning margin was gained in the first half of the match of 24 boards. On board No. 9, Messrs. W. R. and J. Bastow elected to go for a vulnerable game over an obvious sacrificial bid of five clubs by non-vulnerable opponents. On the guess of a finesse in a side suit, the declarers were two light; but, in the other room, Messrs. Fine and Williams were allowed to play the hand in four spades, and Mr. Fine made 11 tricks, to give a swing of 850 points to Mrs. Roy's team. Facing a deficit of 1,640 points at the end of 12 boards, Mr. Boland's four retrieved 1,500 points by being on the right side of two vulnerable slams which the winners failed to bid.

The losers failed to take advantage of a further opportunity on board No. 21, to swing the match completely in their favour. Mr. Wallis was in a contract of six clubs, which he could have made; but, on a wrong line of play, he was held to ten tricks, and thus gave an adverse swing of 1,570 points.

The annual turkey duplicate competition under the auspices of the Commercial Travellers' Branch of the C.B.A.I. attracted a large entry. The winners of the three sections were:—

Section 1—N.S., Messrs. P. McKenna and B. Cumiskey; E.W., Mrs. and Miss O'Toole. **Section 2**—N.S., Messrs. R. Allen and W. Close; E.W., Messrs T. Ryder and J. Burke. **Section 3**—N.S., Mrs. Gavin Kelly and Mrs. McGinley; E.W., Mrs. McLoone and Mrs. Morgan.

Results to date in the Carroll Cup (team of four, rubber bridge duplicate) are:—Mr. J. M. Gargan beat Mr. H. Williams; Mr. E. J. Boland beat Mrs. Fitzgerald; Mr. J. E. Hogan beat Mrs. Hayden; Mrs. McLoone beat Mr. R. Carroll; Mrs. Hickey beat Dr. P. J. O'Dowd; Mr. P. Caffrey beat Mr. C. H. Day; Mr. F. Fowler beat Mr. C. T. Laurence; Miss M. Fox beat Mr. W. G. Robbie; Mr. J. E. Hogan beat Mr. J. P. Morgan; Mrs. McLoone beat Mrs. Butler.

IRISH WILLS

Thomas Stephen Kealy, 100 St. Helen's road, Booterstown, civil servant—£2,906 (Eire); Miss Eileen O'Brien, 41 Ashdale road, Terenure—£1,344 (Eire).

THE SUN

	To-day.	To-morrow.
Rises	9.40	9.40
Sets	5. 9	5.10
Lighting-up time	5.39	5.40

HIGH WATER AT DUBLIN

	To-day.	To-morrow.
Morning	6.35	7.46
Evening	6.53	8. 5

CHRISTMAS DAY

THE SUN

	To-day.	To-morrow.
Rises	9.41	9.41
Sets	5.11	5.11
Lighting-up time	5.41	5.41

HIGH WATER AT DUBLIN

	To-day.	To-morrow.
Morning	8.55	9.55
Evening	9.14	10.11

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AN IRISHMAN'S DIARY

Christmas Eve

THIS is Christmas Eve. The calendar does not agree with me; nevertheless I persist in the statement. To-morrow will provide an unusual hiatus between Christma Eve revelry and the eminently respectable calm of Christmas Day. It will give many a chance to recuperate; to others it will afford an opportunity for reflection.

This year, so far as I am concerned, the thought of Christmas brings the hospitals into my mind. And for a very good reason. I spent last Christmas in one of them.

My gratitude towards the Adelaide never can be expressed in words, because, but for the Adelaide and its incomparable staff, I am quite certain that I should not be writing this Diary to-day.

A Fine Musician

Last week, in part acknowledgement of my debt, I attended a concert in the Hibernian Hotel. Normally concerts, I must confess, bore me. The reason probably is that I had such a surfeit of them as a boy.

The concert in the Hibernian, however, which was in aid of the Adelaide, did not bore me. I was enchanted by the brilliant playing of Rhoda Coghill, surely one of our foremost pianists, who not only is an exceptionally fine musician, but also an uncommonly gifted poet. Some of her work appears in the *Irish Times* anthology, "Poems from Ireland," which does such credit to the labours of its editor, Mr. Donagh MacDonagh.

"V. H."

I went up the other evening to see some of my old friends in the Adelaide, and was pleased to see that the gap between the main hospital and Victoria House (known universally as "V.H.") had been bridged. Formally the two buildings were separated by an uncovered space of thirty or forty yards; and I have unpleasant memories of journeys from one to the other on a trolley exposed to all the vagaries of the elements.

For a long time the hospital authorities have been trying to put some sort of cover between "V.H." and the hospital, but lack of funds stood in the way. Now a temporary structure has been erected, and the "V.H." patient no longer need fear the trying journey to and fro.

Unique

The Adelaide is unique among Dublin hospitals; and I suggest to those of my readers who may be scanning these lines "over the Christmas" that if they have any money to spare they could find (and probably are finding) many worse ways of getting rid of it than by a gift to this worthy institution.

You would not believe how ignorant the bulk of Dublin's people is in regard to the Adelaide's circumstances. Last year there was a dance for the nurses. It was rather a gay affair — boiled shirts, pretty dresses and all the rest of it. In all conscience, the nurses work so hard throughout the year that a Christmas dance is the least that they might expect.

Outside the hospital on the night of the dance there was the usual assembly of locals watching the arrival of the guests.

Two "ould wans" were at the bottom of the steps when a friend of mine arrived. "Now we know, Lizzie," said one of them, "what they are doing with the Sweep money."

Believe It or Not

And this is an allegory. Who would have thought that there are people in Dublin to-day, and particularly people living in the Peter street area, who still are under the impression that the Adelaide gets money from the Sweeps? But there it is. The fact is, of course, that, rightly or wrongly, the Adelaide Hospital has refused consistently to accept a single penny from the Sweepstakes' funds.

The Hospital's attitude is entirely a matter of moral scruple. Once more may I recommend it to the generosity of my readers?

"Almost in Camera"

I picked up a book the other day which interested me immensely. It has the arresting title, "Almost in Camera," and its author is one Percy Brown.

Percy Brown—known to his intimates as Perse, Poice or Poicey—is a Press photographer. Indeed, with all due respect to my friend George Leitch and the rest of that gallant fraternity, I might almost say that Poicey is *the* Press photographer. He began life as a carpenter in Shrewsbury, but discovered at an early age that he had ambitions beyond the joiner's bench, and made his way to America.

How he became a photographer I do not know. Probably Percy does not know himself; but one day during the first year of the last Great War I saw him being flung into one of Germany's most famous prison camps. Master Percy, it appears, had found his way by some process known only to himself to France, where certain disturbances were in progress at the time. He was always of an inquisitive nature, and decided one fine day that he would have a look-see at the German lines somewhere in Alsace. He did; but the Germans did not quite see the joke, and the bold Percy found himself promptly in durance vile.

Getting Home

When the camp broke up after the November Armistice of 1918, we all made our way as quickly as possible to a place called Stralsund, on the northern coast of Germany. We got there by devious routes. Some went by train, some by what is known now as "hitch-hiking," some, incredibly enough, on shanks's mare. Apparently Percy did not get there at all. He knew better, as Percy would.

I missed him at Stralsund, and afterwards at Copenhagen, where we transhipped into a dreadful old butter-boat, which took us, crazily, across a particularly stormy North Sea. Some of us who were Percy's friends mourned his absence, being convinced that he had got himself into some sort of a scrape in Germany, and that he probably was languishing again in prison. But all the time I had a queer sort of feeling that he would turn up trumps somehow and somewhere. And he did.

After an adventurous voyage we finally got to the port of Leith, arriving off Rosyth, by a strange coincidence, on the day when the German Fleet arrived to surrender itself to the late Admiral Beatty. Its flagship, so far as I can remember, was the S.M.S. Koenig, a proud craft in her day. But that is not the point. The point is that the first man who came down the gangway of the German battleship was a rather bedraggled-looking Englishman named Percy Brown!

In Paris

I still bear him a certain amount of malice, for he got me into serious trouble in Paris during the Peace Conference. It happened like this. I was at a banquet given to the visiting Press by the French Government when, to my utter surprise—although I ought not to have been surprised at all—Percy Brown arrived with some of the biggest wigs of the party. We fell on each other's necks and foregathered the next day.

Percy had a great scheme. He was attached, I think, to the *Daily Graphic*, and, as usual, was in search of scoops. He told me that he had come across a nice little exclusive story, but that, not being a writer, he wanted somebody to do what is known as a "descriptive," while he supplied the photographs.

Obviously he had found his man. It seems that he had come across a more or less secret printing establishment, which had been set up by the British in semi-underground premises some miles outside Paris. I may mention at this stage that the late Basil Thompson was in charge of the British Secret Service in Paris at the time, and that I, being from Ireland, wholly unknown to myself, was being watched with some suspicion.

The Scoop That Failed

Percy told me that I would be well paid for the story and that I would have to write only about a thousand words. Being very young and rather hard up, I fell for the idea, and met Percy by appointment some days afterwards. I was warned by him that I must keep my mouth tightly shut, and leave the whole business of organisation to him.

We took a taxi to one of the Parisian stations—as it might be Amiens street in Dublin—although I happened to know that our destination was, say, Sallins, in County Kildare. This rather surprised me, but, remembering Percy's warning, I said nothing.

Off we went, in the wrong direction; but when we reached the first stop Percy whisked me out of the train and into a taxi, which took us right back along our tracks until we reached, as it might be, Kingsbridge. There he bought the tickets to our real destination.

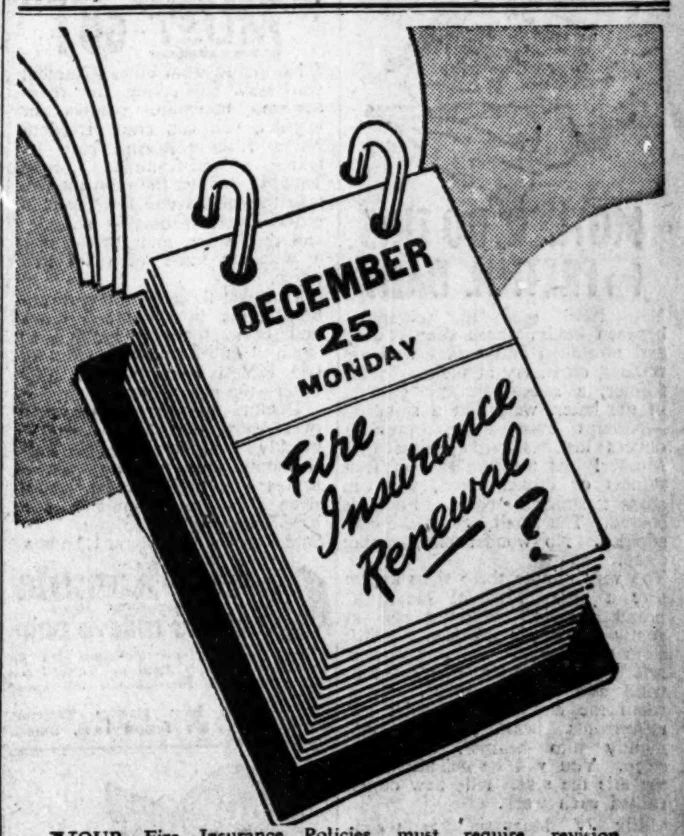
"You never can be too careful on a job like this," he explained. "Those damned Press photographers are watching me like hawks."

Nemesis

We got to the printing works all right, and actually penetrated into the interior, where Percy, who, presumably, had squared somebody (all is fair in love, war and Press photography), got busy with his camera. But he had reckoned without his hosts, and, evidently, also without his guest! We were not in the place for more than a few minutes when we both were placed under arrest and marched away to undergo a terrific grilling by the boys from Scotland Yard.

It was my first experience of a newspaper scoop, and I was told afterwards that Percy and I were decidedly lucky that we had not been shot out of hand. In addition to my Irish origin, it was well-known to the police, French as well as British, that we both had come almost straight from Germany. But little incidents like that never worried Percy. I must confess that this particular incident did worry me.

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PROBABLE RUNNERS FOR LEOPARDSTOWN

FIELDS at both Leopardstown and Limerick, on Tuesday next, will be of good strength. Declarations will not be known until noon to-day, but it can be taken for granted that the lists of probable runners we now give for each meeting will be considerably augmented.

Provisional selections for Leopardstown are:—
Carrickmines 'Chase—**Dreaper's selected.**
Glencairn Hurdle—**Knight of the Morn.**
Stand Hurdle—**Perilous Record.**
December 'Chase—**Colehill.**
Christmas 'Chase—**Happy Home.**
Ranelagh Flat Race—**Selym.**

CURRAGH CORRESPONDENT—1.45, Doremi; 2.15, Uplander; 2.45, Another Victor; 3.15, Tiverton or Coupe; 3.45, Wykehamist; 4.10, Charles Edward.

1.45—CARRICKMINES HANDICAP 'CHASE. £100 (presented by the Government of Ireland). About 2½m.

Mayerling (J. Rank), Draper, a, 12-7 .... (——)
00 Red Branch (J. Rank), Dreaper, 6, 11-10 .... (——)
00 Doremi (Miss Paget), Arnott, a, 11-8 .... M. Gordon
00 Alice Baythorn (J. Osborne), Owner, 5, 11-7 ...... A. Brabazon
00 Eastern Realm (R. Tarry), C. Harty, a, 11-7 ...... M. Molony
30 Wykehamist (R. More O'Ferrall), Walker, 4, 11-10 D. Morgan
20 Housewarmer (Miss Paget), C. Rogers, a, 10-3 D. L. Moore
00 Sea Bachelor (E. Delaney), Owner, a, 9-7 .... T. McNeill

Also engaged — Hamlet (C. Rogers), 6, 12-7; O'Dearest (Ussher), 5, 11-9; Roman Hackle (C. Rogers), a, 11-1; Funny (T. W. Dreaper), a, 11-0; Dismus (McCann), a, 11-0; Capital Star (C. Rogers), a, 10-8; Steel Flame (C. Rogers), a, 10-8; Patrickswell (C. Harty), 6, 10-7; Lucky Time (W. Barry), 5, 9-10.

BETTING FORECAST—5/4 Dreaper's selected, 9/4 Miss Paget's selected, 6/1 Sea Bachelor.

2.15—GLENCAIRN SELLING HURDLE. £100. 2m.

00 Indiana (W. J. Davis), W. G. Davis, 4, 12-2 ...... D. McCann
20 Acrostic (C. Willan), Owner, 4, 10-7 .... J. P. Maguire
00 Kersey (Mrs. R. J. Powell), T. O'Sullivan, a, 10-5 .. C. O'Reilly
03 Pucka Man (J. McAuley), Banahan, a, 10-4 ...... M. Gordon
21 Knight of the Morn (A. D. Turner), Turner, a, 10-3 T. McNeill
30 Royal Down (B. Kerr), Lenehan, a, 9-9 .... M. O'Reilly
0 Green Star (H. G. Surman), M. A. Byrne, a, 9-8 .. B. O'Neill
20 Silver Fizz (E. Delaney), Owner, a, 9-7 .... F. Mulligan

Also engaged — Knockaney (T. O'Sullivan), 6, 12-7; Syria (Owner), 5, 12-7; Fire Eater (C. Harty), a, 12-7; Uplander (E. Parkinson), a, 11-12; Heath Star (T. O'Sullivan), 4, 10-9; Inniscrone (Owner), a, 10-8; Pelorus (P. J. Prendergast), 4, 10-6; Slievardagh (Sleator, jun.), a, 10-4, Perdan Rose (Owner), a, 10-2; Kingston Gorse (D. Rogers), a, 10-2; Tutor (Walker), a, 10-1; Coon Rock (Taaffe), a, 10-0; Kilgowan (Sleator, jun.), 6, 10-0; Desert Corps (C. Rogers), 6, 10-0; Fergus O'Farrell (Owner), a, 10-0; Fau-go-foil (W. J. Byrne), 4, 9-12; Rightaway (G. E. Price), 4, 9-7.

BETTING FORECAST — 9/4 Knight of the Morn, 7/2 Acrostic, 5/1 Pucka Man, 7/1 Silver Fizz.

2.45—STAND MAIDEN HURDLE. £100. 1¾m.

00 Ryskid (T. Ward), Walker, 4, 11-12 .... A. Brabazon
30 Carlist (C. Robinson), M. A. Byrne, 4, 11-12 ...... M. Gordon
00 Montcalm (Lord Bicester), Dreaper, 5, 11-7 ...... T. Hyde
30 Perilous Record (J. Dickie), Dreaper, a, 11-7 Mr. M. McClancy
Somerset (Miss Paget), C. Rogers, 6, 11-7 ...... D. L. Moore
00 Joancoaler (W. Noble), C. Harty, a, 11-7 ...... M. Molony
00 Yankee Clipper (R. Tarry), C. Harty, 6, 11-7 ...... A. Power
00 B Flat (B. Lawless), Lawless, 5, 11-7 .... E. Dempsey
0 Royal Walter (R. McIlhagga), P. Nugent, 5, 11-7 .. K. Gilsenan
00 Another Victor (J. Ismay), D. Rogers, 5, 11-4 ...... D. Morgan
00 Knight Garth (R. Dixon), C. Harty, 4, 11-4 ...... P. Moylan
00 Hanol (H. Kouyoumdjian), Lenehan, 3, 10-3 ...... M. O'Reilly
00 Cordelia (A. D. Turner), W. J. Byrne, 3, 10-3 ...... P. O'Hara

Also engaged — Elderlink (J. A. Farrell), 5, 12-3; Redholm (Arnott), a, 12-3; Arch Knight (R. O'Connell), a, 12-3; Majestic Star (C. A. Rogers), 6, 12-3; Apocalypse (S. McGrath), 5, 12-3; Sammy's Rock (S. McGrath), 5, 12-3; King's Approach (C. Rogers), 5, 12-3; Royal Concert (S. McGrath), 6, 12-3; Kit Cosmo (S. McGrath), 6, 12-3; Ensor (J. J. Parkinson), 5, 12-3; Murty (Redmond), a, 12-3; St. Valentine (Owner), 4, 11-12; Highland Reel (Arnott), 4, 11-12; Acrostic (Owner), 4, 11-12; Fete de Neuilly (P. J. Prendergast), 4, 11-12; Airy Prince (Walker), 4, 11-12; Major Star (C. Rogers), 6, 11-7; Dartan-Ri (Quirke), 5, 11-7; Flint Rock (Owner), 5, 11-7; Scarlet Prince (M. Murphy), 5, 11-7; Charles Edward (Owner), 5, 11-7; Edna's Courage (Owner), 5, 11-7; Cooley (F. Ward), 6, 11-7; Fair Maccabbi (Lenehan), 4, 11-4; Tiger Boy (Woods), 4, 11-4; Valiant William (C. Rogers), 4, 11-4; Royal Bridge (Walker), 4, 11-4; Selym (C. Rogers), 4, 11-4; First Gosling (Ussher), 4, 11-4; Penny Plain (Osborne), 4, 11-4; Majid (J. E. Davis), 4, 11-4; Malta More (T. O'Sullivan), 4, 11-4; Hard Cash (Owner), 4, 11-4; Sweet Haven (Owner), 4, 11-4; Lough Corrib (Lenehan), 4, 11-4; Fair Cliff (W. J. Byrne), 4, 11-4; Loyal King (C. Rogers), 4, 11-4; Joe the Mariner (P. McGrath), 3, 10-7; Roddy (D. Rogers), 3, 10-3; Slieve Ruadh (Owner), 3, 10-3; Killern (Owner), 3, 10-3; Skywide (T. O'Sullivan), 3, 10-3; Careford (Walker), 3, 10-3.

BETTING FORECAST — 5/2 Perilous Record, 4/1 Another Victor, 6/1 Ryskid, 8/1 Carlist, 10-1 Somerset.

3.15—DECEMBER HANDICAP 'CHASE. £200. 2m. 175yds.

13 Whelan (P. King), T. O'Sullivan, a, 12-0 .... C. O'Reilly
02 Tiverton (H. Gill), D. Rogers, 6, 11-12 .... D. Morgan
00 Red Branch (J. V. Rank), Dreaper, 6, 10-6 .... T. Hyde
00 Doremi (Miss Paget), Arnott, a, 10-4 .... D. L. Moore
00 Silver Fame (Lord Bicester), Osborne, 5, 10-1 .... D. Connors
32 Colehill (H. O'Leary), Walker, a, 9-13 .... A. Brabazon
10 Coupe (Miss Shortiss), Brabazon, 6, 9-10 .... E. Newman

Also engaged—The Gripper (Ussher), a, 12-7; Church Hill (Owner), 5, 11-11; Hamlet (C. Rogers), 6, 11-3; Erinox (C. Harty), a, 11-0; Cavalry King (C. Rogers), a, 10-5; Summer Star (W. J. Purcell), a, 10-3; Sunburn II (C. Rogers), a, 10-3; Kai Lung (T. W. Dreaper), a, 10-2; Barghora (Owner), a, 9-12; Emerald (J. A. Farrell), a 9-9; Agag (W. Cleary), a, 9-8; Capital Star (C. Rogers), a, 9-7; Housewarmer (C. Rogers), a, 9-7; Sun Drop (J. J. Parkinson), a, 9-7; Durbar (J. J. Parkinson), a, 9-7.

BETTING FORECAST — 9/4 Colehill, 5/2 Tiverton, 7/2 Red Branch, 5/1 Whelan, 7/1 Doremi.

3.45—CHRISTMAS 'CHASE. £200. About 2½m.

31 Clonbur (J. J. Astor), Dreaper, 6, 11-5 .... E. Newman
00 Friar's Gift (P. M. O'Rorke), O'Rorke, a, 10-11 .. T. McNeill
0 Steel Jack (Miss Paget), C. Rogers, 6, 10-11 .. R. J. O'Ryan
00 Montcalm (Lord Bicester), Dreaper, 5, 10-8 .... T. Hyde
Little Wager (R. McIlhagga), Dreaper, 5, 10-8 .... E. Dempsey
02 Happy Home (Miss Paget), Arnott, 5, 10-8 .... D. L. Moore
02 Largo (Mrs. Strang), Walker, 5, 10-8 ...... J. C. Parkinson
30 Wykehamist (R. More O'Ferrall), Walker, 4, 10-8 .. D. Morgan

Also engaged—Copperquid (R. O'Connell), 6, 11-10; African Collection (Brabazon), 5, 11-10; Royal Concert (S. McGrath), 6, 11-5; Astrometer (C. Rogers), 6, 11-5; Spot Cash (T. W. Dreaper), 5, 11-2; Perilous Record (T. W. Dreaper), a, 10-11; Cottagemore (Walker), a, 10-11; Jackie Brown (Owner), 6, 10-11; Dunshaughlin (C. Rogers), 6, 10-11; Majestic Star (C. A. Rogers), 6, 10-11; Keep Faith (T. W. Dreaper), 6, 10-11; The Red Oak (Owner), 5, 10-8; Parsonshill (Owner), 5, 10-8; Tar-a Walla (Owner), 5, 10-8; Dover Straits (Owner), 4, 10-8; Sweet Haven (Owner), 4, 10-4.

BETTING FORECAST — 5/4 Happy Home, 9/4 Dreaper's selected, 7/1 Walker's selected, 6/1 Friar's Gift.

4.10—RANELAGH FLAT RACE. £100. 2m.

00 Sparkling Dandy (H. Clarence), T. O'Sullivan, 5, 11-7 Mr. P. Sleator, jun.
00 Bensfort (M. A. Byrne), Owner, a, 11-7 Mr. M. P. Byrne, jun.
00 Indiana (W. J. Davis), W. G. Davis, 4, 11-7 Mr. W. G. Davis
Proud Peter (S. Donoghue), J. E. Davis, 5, 11-7 .... (——)
00 Cooley (J. Grew), F. Ward, 6, 11-7 ...... Mr. D. O'Hagan
Fairy Bay (B. Lawless), Lawless, 5, 11-7 ...... Mr. B. Lawless
00 B Flat (B. Lawless), Lawless, 5, 11-7 .... Mr. N. MacClancy
02 Greggmore Boy (McGranaghan), Robinson, 4, 11-7 Mr. G. Robinson
Culloden (R. McIlhagga), P. Nugent, 6, 11-7 .. Mr. R. A. Hoey
0 Bill Hook (G. St. John Nolan), Geraghty, a, 11-7 Mr. P. Connolly
02 Last Battle (Mr. O'Rorke), O'Rorke, 6, 11-7 ...... Mr. P. O'Rorke
02 Selym (Miss Paget), C. Rogers, 4, 11-7 .. Mr. P. J. Lenehan
00 Skander (Jos. Ryan), M. A. Byrne, 5, 11-7 .. Mr. M. A. Byrne
Brother James (Van Cutsem), Walker, 6, 11-7 Mr. M. N. Walker
00 Royal Cheer (A. Waddington), T. Nugent, 4, 11-7 Mr. T. Nugent

Also engaged — Knight's Paladin (Arnott), 5, 12-0; Murty (Redmond), a, 12-0; Traveluxe (D. Rogers), 5, 11-7; Dandy Prince (T. O'Sullivan), 5, 11-7; Gleninagh (Arnott), 5, 11-7; Eda (Owner), 6, 11-7; Dr. Dick (Taaffe), 4, 11-7; Wintringham (Owner), 5, 11-7; Lustrous Leon (Owner), a, 11-7; Quakerman (Private), a, 11-7; Torn Picture (C. Harty), 5, 11-7; Praskeen (F. Ward), 5, 11-7; Gay Bachelor (B. Nugent), 6, 11-7, Tar-a Walla (Owner), 5, 11-7; Parsonshill (Owner), 5, 11-7; Sun-loe (Owner), a, 11-7; Luan Casca (More O'Ferrall), 4, 11-7; Tiger (T. O'Sullivan), 5, 11-7; Steel Jack (C. Rogers), 6, 11-7; Star High (C. Rogers), 5, 11-7; Beldore (Owner), 4, 11-7; The Corinthian (C. Rogers), a, 11-7; Croup (Owner), 4, 11-7; Rholendor (M. A. Byrne), 5, 11-7; Hurry Back (G. E. Price), 4, 11-7; Fair Maccabbi (Lenehan), 4, 11-7; Charles Edward (Owner, 5, 11-7; The Curate's Egg (Owner), 4, 11-7; Woodside Wish (Owner), 6, 11-7; Royal Bridge (Walker), 4, 1-17.

BETTING FORECAST—11/10 Selym, 5/2 Creggmore, 6/1 Last Battle, 8/1 Sparkling Dandy.

Probable Fields at Limerick

SOME probable runners at Limerick on Tuesday are:—

RACING COR.	CURRAGH COR.
1.45—Jolly Jim.	Pub Crawl.
2.15—Amgot.	Amgot
2.45—Nonna's Cottage	Double Flush.
3.15—Tredillon.	Going Concern.
3.45—Broken Promise.	Zog.
4.10—Unseen.	Submarine.

1.45—GREENPARK MAIDEN HURDLE of 100 sovs. 1½m. Age st. lb.

Peter the Painter (G. Ainscough) Lombard a 12 3
Fair Pearl (D. Marshall) .. Owner 5 12 3
Indecision (Mrs. D. Foley) Kirwan 4 11 12
Doctor Bill (H. Harty) .... Owner 4 11 12
Collette (Mrs. A. C. Vigors) Fahey 4 11 12
Spartan Runner (M. Sheehan) Shanahan 4 11 12
Fitz Billy (Miss E. R. Armitage) Keating 6 11 5
Bedford (M. Comyn) .... Owner 5 11 5
Mountain Cottage (C. P. Corbett) Owner 5 11 5
Ballybrown (Mrs. C. J. O'Brien) H. Harty 5 11 5
Smoke Room (Mrs. A. E. O'Keeffe) H. Harty a 11 5
Ruillean (Miss M. F. Gubbins) —— 6 11 5
Pub Crawl (Jos. D. Smithwick) Kirwan 5 11 5
Carnbeg (J. J. Sullivan) J. O'Brien 5 11 5
Glenmore Bridge (Walter Dwyer) Owner 5 11 5
The Curate (Walter Dwyer) Owner 4 11 3
Greek Beauty (B. Sheil Walshe) Keating a 11 5
Mountain Dew (Ml. Fogarty) Keating 6 11 5
Battle Well (P. Power) .... Kirwan 3 10 7
Chance Shot (Mrs. N. M. Gough) Keating 3 10 2
Jolly Jim (J. H. Nicholls) Kirwan 3 10 2
(Above are probable runners.)
Also engaged:
Second Over (M. M. Halley) Owner 6 12 3
Veliki Luki (W. Murphy) .. Owner 5 11 5

2.15—HOLIDAY H'CAP. HURDLE of 100 sovs. 2m. Age st. lb.

Singlekeeper (H. Harty) .... Owner a 11 6
Some Chicken (J. Kirwan) .... Owner a 10 10
Coal Queen (D. Kelly) .... T. Hyde a 10 9
Chinese Pirate (T. Murphy) .. Owner a 10 9
Amgot (Jos. O'Connor) .... Keating 6 10 7
Bill Grimes (Mrs. J. Lombard) P. McGrath 4 10 5
May Star (P. Barry) .. G. O'Donnell 4 10 3
Immaterial (M. Sheehan) .. Shanahan 5 10 2
Incantator (P. J. Henehan) .. Keating a 10 2
Kedra Cross (J. A. Walsh) .. Owner 5 10 0
Milford Bridge (M. J. Creagh) H. Harty 4 10 0
Bay Jack (W. Dwyer) .... Owner a 10 0
John D (W. Dwyer) .... Owner 5 10 0
(Above are probable runners.)
Also engaged:
Last Loch (C. P. Corbett) .. Owner a 10 7
R.A.F. (W. Murphy) .... Owner 5 10 7

2.45—DUNRAVEN HANDICAP 'CHASE, value 50 sovs., with 100 sovs. added. 3 m. Age st. lb.

Sen Toi (Mrs. W. Molony) T. Hyde a 12 7
Up the Aisle (P. J. Henehan) Keating a 11 —
Ballyhooley (R. Sheehan) .. Owner a 11 —
Double Flush (D. Frame) .. T. Hyde a 11 —
Dan Kelly (Mrs. G. A. Harris) Griffin a 10 7
St. Donavint (R. Shanahan) .. Owner a 10 7
Nonna's Cottage (H. Harty) H. Harty a 10 0
Prince Zar (C. J. O'Brien) H. Harty a 10 0
(Above are probable runners.)
Also engaged:
Lovely Cottage (Mrs. L. Hyde) M. J. Hyde a 12 0
The Clip (John M. O'Brien) Owner a 10 —
Hollo (B. Whelan) .... Owner a 10 —
Home Lover (L. Freedman) .. Creed a 10 0

3.15—MUNGRET MAIDEN 'CHASE of 100 sovs. 2 m. 100 yds. Age st. lb.

Lucky Dog (J. Lombard) .. Owner 6 12 3
Prince Zar (C. J. O'Brien) H. Harty a 12 3
Cappoquin (J. Twomey) .... Owner a 12 3
Jenny Joe (Mrs. M. Davin) Davin a 12 3
Going Concern (C. J. Downing) W. T. O'Grady 5 12 0
Tredillon (W. H. Peter) H. Harty 5 12 0
Pub Crawl (Jos. D. Smithwick) Kirwan 5 12 0
Camas Bridge (Jack Bamber) T. Hyde 4 11 6
(Above are probable runners.)
Also engaged:
Playtol (E. Buckley) .... Owner a 12 3
Pegwood (J. C. Tonson-Rye) Owner a 12 3
China Cottage (John M. O'Brien) Owner 5 12 0
Veliki Luki (W. Murphy) .. Owner 5 12 0
Ballinacree Lass (J. J. Coffey) W. T. O'Grady 4 11 6
Tasman (W. Murphy) .... Owner 4 11 6

3.45—CHRISTMAS H'CAP. 'CHASE of 100 sovs. 2 m. 200 yds. Age st. lb.

Zog (D. Frame) .... T. Hyde 6 11 10
Broken Promise (Mrs. T. Hyde) T. Hyde a 11 0
(Above are probable runners.)
Also engaged:
Heirdom (H. Quinn) .... Kirwan a 12 7
Border Knight (Mrs. A. H. Watt) W. T. O'Grady 6 12 6
Playmate III (W. A. O'Mullane) Purdon a 10 10
Knight of Tonton (Jas. Russell) Owner a 10 0
Lord Barter (D. Noonan) .. Owner a 9 12

4.10—ST. STEPHEN'S DAY FLAT RACE of 100 sovs. 2 m. Age st. lb.

All Shell (J. Twomey) .... Owner a 12 11
Submarine (Mrs A. H. Watt) W. T. O'Grady 6 12 4
Bell Walk (M. J. Ryan) .. T. Ryan 4 12 4
Cool Customer (Ml. Fogarty) Keating 5 12 4
Indecision (Mrs. D. Foley) .. Kirwan 4 12 4
Peter the Painter (G. Ainscough) Lombard a 11 11
Cold Feet (Miss E. R. Armitage) Keating 5 10 13
Enal (E. Buckley) .... Owner 5 10 13
Unseen (Mrs. N. M. Gough) Keating 5 10 13
Smoke Room (Mrs A. E. O'Keeffe) H. Harty a 11 4
Gobbo (J. J. Power) .... Hennberry 6 10 13
Mr. Freezer (P. Quinn) .. Kirwan a 10 13
(Above are probable runners.)
Also engaged:
Second Over (M. M. Halley) .. Owner 6 12 4
John D. (Walter Dwyer) .... Owner 5 12 4
Sun Arab (P. J. Duggan) .... Owens 4 11 4
Home from Home (L. Freedman) Creed 6 10 13
Pringala (B. Harold-Barry) .. Carey 4 10 13
China Cottage (John M. O'Brien) Owner 5 10 13
Canadian Woods (John M. O'Brien) Owner 6 10 13
Fine Morning (Terence P. O'Brien) Noonan 5 10 13
Bailey (R. J. O'Kennedy) .... Carey a 10 13
Fifth Army (A. Humphreys) .. Owner 5 10 13
South Wexford (J. C. Johnston) Owner 6 10 13
Killea (Mrs. J. Lysley) .... —— 6 10 13
Knigh Lass (R. Cleary) .... O'Meara 4 10 13
Sporting Link (C. F. P. Creed) Owner 4 10 13

Holiday Sports Fixtures

Racing.—St. Stephen's Day—Leopardstown, 1.45; Limerick, 1.45; Windsor, 12.0; Wetherby, 1.15. December 27th—Leopardstown, 1.45; Limerick, 1.45.

Soccer.—To-day (League of Ireland)—Bohemians v. Drumcondra, Dalymount Park, 3.30. To-morrow (League of Ireland, 3.30)—Brideville v. Dundalk, Tolka Park; Shelbourne v. Shamrock Rovers, Milltown; Cork United v. Limerick, The Markets Field. Christmas Day (charity matches)—Dublin XI v. Eastern Command, Tolka Park, 12.0; Old Timers v. 26th Infantry, Milltown, 12.30. St. Stephen's day—Leinster Senior Cup Final—Drumcondra v. Shelbourne, Dalymount Park, 3.30.

Rugby.—St. Stephen's Day—Bective-Wesley Selected v. Blackrock Selected, Donnybrook, 3.15; Lansdowne v. Wanderers, Lansdowne road, 3.15.

Hockey.—St. Stephen's Day—Nomads v. T.S.C., Dagg's XI, Londonbridge road, 3.0.

ENTRIES FOR £1,000 BALDOYLE 'CHASE

THIRTY-NINE entries were received for the Baldoyle 'Chase of £1,000, to be run at Baldoyle on February 10th over 2½m. 130yds. The weights will be published on January 12th. The entries are:—

African Collection, Border Knight, Belted Monarch, Brown Cottage, Cavalry King, Callaly, Doremi, Double Flush, Eastern Realm, Erinox, Funny, Golden View II.

Housewarmer, Happy Home, Hamlet, Historical Review, Heirdom, John D, Knight's Crest, Lavenham, Last Loch, Mayerling, Odearest, Patrickswell, Prince Regent, Prince Jack.

Roman Hackle, Red Branch, Steel Flame, Sunburn II, Summer Star, Silver Fame, Sen Toi, Swindon Glory, Tontonvilla, Trigger Jack, Tiverton, The Gripper, Whelan.

TABLE TENNIS STAR A BOXER

THE Catholic Boy Scouts B.C. scored seven wins, against four for North City, in an inter-club tournament at the Stadium last night. P. Neville (C.B.S.) and R. Walsh (North City), in the light-weight division, put up one of the most lively fights of the night. Walsh stuck the pace the better, and the greater solidity of his punching in the last round gained him a good win.

H. Thuillier, the well-known table tennis player, made his first appearance at the Stadium against S. Dwyer (C.B.S.), but lost on points. An effort to turn the tide in his favour by good use of the left in the last round might have succeeded if he had managed to get his right across occasionally, but Dwyer's sturdier finish gained him the verdict.

T. Kavanagh (C.B.S.) scored up another win in a special welter-weight contest, defeating Sgt. W. Moore (Army) on points.

P. Byrne (C.B.S.) won his rubber contest against Pte. W. Gifford (North City) on points, his quickness to the punch being the deciding factor.

Juvenile.—5st.—P. Quinn (C.B.S.) beat W. McCormack (North City) on points; W. Meehan (North City) beat M. Price (C.B.S.) on points. **5st. 7lb.**—F. McDonnell (C.B.S.) beat W. Lyons (North City) on points. **6st.**—J. Sunderland (North City) beat C. Carey (C.B.S.) on points; P. Dalton (C.B.S.) beat S. Mulhall (North City) on points.

Fly.—B. Carabini (C.B.S.) beat A. Cullen (North City) on points; J. Gallagher (C.B.S.) beat F. McGrane (North City) on points.

Bantam.—J. McCabe (North City) k.o. F. Moylan (C.B.S.) in first round.

Feather.—R. Walsh (North City) beat P. Neville (C.B.S.) on points.

Light.—S. Dwyer (C.B.S.) beat H. Thuillier (North City) on points; P. Byrne (C.B.S.) beat W. Gifford (North City) on points.

Welter.—T. Kavanagh (C.B.S.) beat Sgt. W. Moore (Army) on points.

Agreements with Jockeys.—Under Rules of Racing and I.N.H.S. Rules—Mr. C. Brabazon with A. Brabazon and E. Newman; Mr. T. W. Dreaper with E. Newman; Mr. D. Quirke with M. Connors. Under Rules of Racing—Capt. D. Rogers with M. Wing. Under I.N.H.S. Rules—Mr. R. H. Walker with D. J. Morgan; Mrs. D. Foley with P. Claxton.

Sales.—Battle Grail (6) to Mrs. G. Ferrall. Spring Heroine (5) to Mr. James McMahon. Dynamic (yearling) to Mr. A. T. Adams. Red Larry (aged) to Mr. T. O'Donnell.

GOLF FIXTURES

TO-DAY.

Malahide—Turkey, fourball. **Royal Dublin**—Foursomes. **Rathfarnham**—Medal and turkey, 9 h. (b.).

TO-MORROW.

Lucan—9 holes (b.); special prize. **Malahide**—Turkey, fourball. **Woodbrook**—Scotch foursomes.

ST. STEPHEN'S DAY.

Castle—Fourball; time-sheet; p.m., fourball, mixed foursomes. **Delgany**—Fourball, sweepstakes, bogey. **Dun Laoghaire**—Fourball. **Donabate**—Mixed foursomes. **Greystones**—Scotch foursomes (b.) and mixed Scotch foursomes. **Grange**—18 holes, strokes; p.m., fourball, 9 holes. **Howth**—Fourball, bogey. **Killiney**—Fourball (b.), sweepstakes. **Kilcroney**—Fourball (b.), sweepstakes. **Milltown**—Fourball (b.). **Portmarnock**—Fourball (b.). **Royal Dublin**—Semi-open fourball. **Rathfarnham**—Fourball (b.), 9 holes. **Sutton**—Fourball. **Woodbrook**—Fourball.

Grange—Club-house closed Christmas Day from 3 p.m.

HUNTING APPOINTMENTS

To-day—Ward Union, Kilbride, 1.30; South Mayo, Forde's X, 12.0; Co. Down, Woodside, 12.0; Waterford, Smoor, 11.30; Newry, Ardarragh, 12.30; County Limerick, Croom, 12.0; Kildare, Courtown Gate, 11.30; Bray Harriers, Willow Grove, 2.0; Strabane, Gortfad, 1.0; Naas, Kildare, 1.0; Route Hunt, Cloughan X, 12.0; North Armagh, The Kennels, 12.0; Carlow, Grange Park, 11.30; Duhallow, Canteen X, 11.0; Kilkenny, Kilmoganny, 11.30.

Tuesday Next—Wexford, Carrigbyrne, 12.0; Ward Union, Ashbourne, 1.30; Louth, Reaghstown, 11.0; East Galway, Lawrencetown, 12.0; County Down, Black's Lane Ends, 12.15; South Westmeath, Mount Temple, 12.30; Roscommon, Stonepark, 1.0; County Galway ("The Blazers"), Kennels, 12.0; South Co. Dublin, Spa Hotel, Lucan, 1.0; Waterford, Tramore, 11.30; Scarteen, Knockcarron, 12.0; Fingal, Rathbeale, 1.0; Newry, Sheepbridge, 12.30; Mid-Antrim, Whiteside's Corner, 12.30; South Union, Carrigaline, 11.30; Kildare, Dunlavin, 11.30; Bray Harriers, Calary, 2.0; North Kildare, Larragh Gate, 12.0; Island, Croonford, 12.0; Kilkenny, Ballysalla, 11.30; Ballymacad, Oldcastle (Hunt Servants' Cap), 12.0; Killultagh, Old Rock and Chichester, Belibrook, 12.0; Strabane, Carricklee, 12.0; Naas, Naas, 1.0; West Waterford, Clashmore, 12.0; Route Hunt, Corbally, 12.0; Bree Hounds, Bree, 12.0; North Armagh, Knockbridge, 12.0; Tara, Trim, 12.0; Wicklow, Arklow, 12.0; Westmeath, Hopestown X, 11.45; Nenagh, Ballycommon, 12.0; Carlow, Oak Park, 12.0; United Hunt, Clonmult, 11.30; North Mayo, Enniscrone, 12.30; Thurles and Kilshane, Thurles; North Kilkenny, Tullaroan, 11.30; Ormond, Ballingarry House, 12.0; Duhallow, Greenhall, 11.0; Ormond, Sharavogue X, 12.0.

N.H. Sport Once More in England

RACEGOERS in England will see National Hunt sport resumed on Tuesday, after an interval of two and a half years. The meetings are at Windsor and Wetherby. There is, of course, no form to go on, but the appended selections are based on the knowledge that the horses named are well forward in condition after an intensive period of training.

SELECTIONS FOR WINDSOR

	Birdcatcher	London Corr.
12. 0—	Viti	Covenant
12.30—	Ranger	Karistar
1. 0—	Forestation	Forestation
1.30—	Chaka	Asterabad
2. 0—	Prince Florimonde	The Devil's Lady
2.30—	Kipper Kite	Farther West
3. 0—	Your Fancy	Flag Staff
3.30—	Bodney Boy	Merry Mood

12.0—HOLLY NOVICES' HURDLE (Div. I). 2 m. 120 yds. Probable Starters and Jockeys.

Fifre (Winter), 6, 11-10 Mr. J. Bartholomew
Love's Revelry (Blunt), 7, 11-10 .... ——
Foxendown (Whiteman), 5, 11-10 .. Browne
Sprinkle Me (Private), a, 11-10 .... ——
Militia (K. Piggott), 6, 11-10 .... Piggott
Bindal (Dines), 5, 11-10 .... Reeves
Grosmar (C. Bell), 5, 11-10 .... Taylor
Viti (Donoghue), 6, 11-10 .... Nicholson
Loch Royal (Masson), 6, 11-10 .... Burchers
Covenant (V. Smyth), 5, 11-10 .... Smyth
Sandown (Private), 6, 11-10 .... ——
Hasty (C. Birch), 5, 11-10 .... D. L. Jones
Ti-Chin (J. Wood), 5, 11-10 .... Rimell
Tavistock (Private), 6, 11-10 .... ——
Open Champion (Tate), 5, 11-10 .... ——
S. H. Hector (V. Hobbs), 6, 11-10 .... Lay
Glan Kingie (Masson), 4, 11-6 .... Feakes
Sun Cheer (Lowe), 4, 11-6 .... ——
Hangover (Hedges), 4, 11-6 .... Magee
Pennyleaf (Miller), 4, 11-6 .... ——
Welsh Rabbit (W. Payne), 4, 11-6 .. Mitchell
The Reel (V. Smyth), 4, 11-6 .... Redmond
Desert Rat (Reardon), 4, 11-6 .... Farmer
Good Sport (Wallington), 4, 11-6 .... ——

Betting Forecast—6/4 Covenant, 9/2 Viti, 6/1 Fifre, 8/1 Ti-Chin, 10/1 Foxendown and Hangover, 100/6 others.

12.30—NOVICES' STEEPLECHASE (Div I). 2 m. Probable Starters and Jockeys.

Demon (Beary), 12, 11-10 .... Mr. J. J. Ashe
Golden Morn (Private), 9, 11-10 .... ——
Tourist (Private), 6, 11-10 .... ——
Karistar (Walwyn), 11, 11-10 .... Nicholson
Southborough (Private), 6, 11-10 .... ——
Flying Saint (V. Smyth), 9, 11-10 .... Smyth
Ranger (Rimell), 6, 11-10 .... Rimell
Porthos (K. Piggott), 8, 11-10 .... Mitchell
Farigoule (G. Langlands), 7, 11-10 .... ——
Sandown (Private), 6, 11-10 .... Taylor
Blue Jock (Private), 6, 11-10 .... ——
So'go (Williams), 9, 11-10 .... Fitzsimmons
Portulan (A. Wood), 6, 11-10 .... Brown
Brumead (Private), a, 11-10 .... ——
Mirzai (H. Smyth), 6, 11-10 .... Redmond
Right and Fair (Kilpatrick), 8, 11-10 .... Lay
Smiling Sambo (C. Bell), 8, 11-10 .. O'Neill
National Hope (Norris), 5, 11-8 .... ——
Royal Ensign (Private), 4, 11-1 .... ——

Betting Forecast—2/1 Ranger, 4/1 Flying Saint, 5/1 Karistar, 8/1 Smiling Sambo, 100/8 Solgo and Blue Jock, 100/6 others.

1.0—DATCHET HURDLE. 2 m. 120 yds. Probable Starters and Jockeys.

Southport (Barker), 8, 11-10 .... ——
Bright Boy (Winter), 8, 11-10 Mr. J. Bartholomew
Carton (Winter), 9, 11-10 .... Isaac
Labratoire (J. Hall), 9, 11-10 .... ——
Inishbofin (Geering), 10, 11-10 .... ——
Seneca (V. Smyth), 11, 11-10 .... Redmond
Forestation (V. Smyth), 6, 11-10 .... ——
Single Court (H. Smyth), 6, 11-5 .... ——
Love's Revelry (Blunt), 7, 11-5 .. ——
Siamek (Donoghue), 6, 11-5 .... ——
Tabora (Rimell), 6, 11-5 .... Rimell
Heir at Law (Miller), 8, 11-5 .... ——
Royal Glory (K. Piggott), 5, 11-5 Piggott
Reality (C. Birch), 7, 11-5 .... ——
Poise (Duller), 6, 11-5 .... Hollick
Raghery (Walwyn), 5, 11-5 .... Nicholson
Boccaccio (Private), 7, 11-5 .... ——
The Nagger (Private), 6, 11-5 .... ——
Salvaged (Parker), 5, 11-5 .... Magee
Rudolph (Yates), 5, 11-5 .... D. L. Jones
Rostrum (Sturdy), 5, 11-5 .... Grantham
or
Jay's Wing (Sturdy), 5, 11-5 .... Grantham
Castle Rock (V. Hobbs), 6, 11-5 .... Lay
Prince Igor (V. Hobbs), 4, 11-1 .. Gallagher
Viva (Pratt), 4, 11-1 .... Freeth
Brain's Trust (Tate), 4, 11-1 .... ——
Stormless (Private), 4, 11-1 .... ——

R Smyth rides Forestation or Single Court.

Betting Forecast—2/1 Forestation, 4/1 Southport, 6/1 Carton, 8/1 Castle Rock, 10/1 Seneca, 100/8 Raghery and Royal Glory, 100/6 others.

1.30—"HERNE THE HUNTER" STEEPLECHASE. 3 m. Probable Starters and Jockeys.

Asterabad (Beeby), 13, 11-10 .. T. F. Carey
Schubert (Beechner), 10, 11-10 .. Beechner
Black Brother (Furlong), 10, 11-10 .... Isaac
Corn Law (Miller), 12, 11-10 .... ——
Decorated (Kilpatrick), 10, 11-10 .... Lay
or
Newark Hill (Kilpatrick), 10, 11-3 .... Lay
Roi d'Egypte (Whiteman), 9, 11-10 Brown
Cottonopolis (Masson), 9, 11-10 .. Feakes
Slieve-na-Mon II (Private), 12, 11-3 ——
Chaka (H. Smyth), 7, 11-3 .... Smyth
Pygmalion II (Blair), 10, 11-3 .... ——
True Vane (Private), 6, 11-3 .... ——
Balagny (Norris), 12, 11-3 .... ——
Mount Robert (Whiteman), 5, 11-1 Wilcox

Betting Forecast—5/2 Asterabad, 3/1 Schubert, 4/1 Chaka, 6/1 Black Brother, 8/1 Roi d'Egypte, 10/1 Cottonopolis, 100/6 others.

2.0—VICTORIA 3-Y.-O. HURDLE (Div. I). 1½ m. Probable Starters and Jockeys.

The Devil's Lady (Beeby) .. T. F. Carey
Midnight Blue (Masson) ...... Mr. J. Hislop
Something (W. Payne) .. Mr. E. Mumford
Playboy (Killalee) .... ——
Haulage (Nightingall) .... Holman
Entrust (Gosden) .... A. Jarvis
Atlantic Ferry (Beary) .... ——
Statute Book (J. Wood) .... Taylor
Prince Florimonde (Nightingall) .... Isaac
Odette (Nightingall) .... Farmer
Iambic (C. Bell) .... Hollick
Fruit Cup (Hanley) .... Hanley
Malarum (Private) .... ——
Star Lover (Dines) .... Reeves
Unchartered (Larkin) .... Mackerness
Colrose (V. Hobbs) .... Lay
Old Bailey (C. Bell) .... Magee
Vidi (R. Hobbs) .... Nicholson
(Above carry 11-0)

Betting Forecast—2/1 Prince Florimonde, 5/2 The Devil's Lady, 5/1 Vidi, 6/1 Statute Book, 8/1 Old Bailey, 10/1 Colrose and Odette, 100/6 others.

2.30 — NOVICES' STEEPLECHASE (Div. II). 2 m. Probable Starters and Jockeys.

Stop Press (Private), 6, 11-10 .... ——
Ballymoney (Rayson), 11, 11-10 .... Burry
Battersea (Private), a, 11-10 .... ——
Kipper Kite (Walwyn), 7, 11-10 .. Nicholson
Portreeve (Geering), 9, 11-10 .... ——
Laboratoire (J. Hall), 9, 11-10 .... ——
Curator (Private), 6, 11-10 .... A. Jarvis
Golden Ramsay (Moore), 9, 11-10 .... ——
Twinkler (Dines), 6, 11-10 .... Reeves
Sagatas (Private), 7, 11-10 .... ——
Rodney II (Private), a, 11-10 .... ——
Farther West (Kilpatrick), 7, 11-10 .... Lay
Moleskin (Whiteman), 6, 11-10 .... Brown
Harmonic (G. Wilson), 9, 11-10 .... Rimell
Beleaguered (Private), 10, 11-10 .... ——
The Flyer (Private), 5, 11-8 .... ——
Desert Rat (Reardon), 4, 11-1 .... Farmer

Betting Forecast—5/2 Farther West, 7/2 Kipper Kite, 5/1 Harmonic and Laboratoire, 6/1 Desert Rat, 8/1 Ballymoney, 100/8 others.

3.0—VICTORIA 3-Y.O. HURDLE (Div. II). 1½ m. Probable Starters and Jockeys.

Quickslip (Anderson) .... Taylor
Bonvivant (W. Payne) .... Boyce
Patou (Blunt) .... ——
Prince Paramount (Masson) .... Feakes
Your Fancy (W. Payne) .... Mitchell
Indian Love Call (Gosden) .... A. Jarvis
Roman Friar (Hedges) .... ——
Brown Bob (C. Bell) .... Hollick
Yankee Doodle (Pratt) .... ——
Thumper (Reardon) .... Farmer
Flag Staff (Nightingall) .... Isaac
Fazah (Gilbert) .... ——
Spank (Saxby) .... ——
Lantern (C. Bell) .... ——
Abbot's Truce (Private) .... ——
Sardine (Dines) .... Reeves
Noble Tare (Smith) .... ——
Waterborne (V. Hobbs) .... Gallagher
(Above carry 11-0.)

Betting Forecast—7/4 Flag Staff, 3/1 Your Fancy, 5/1 Prince Paramount, 8/1 Sardine, 10/1 Brown Bob, Roman Friar, and Patou; 100/6 others.

3.30—HOLLY NOVICES' HURDLE (Div. II). 2 m. 120 yds. Probable Starters and Jockeys.

Rue de la Paix (Beeby), 8, 11-10 .... Conlon
Dust-a-Blowing (Donoghue), 5, 11-10 .. Cusick
Joseph (F. Marshall), 6, 11-10 .... ——
Sunfish (Nightingall), 7, 11-10 .... F. Harmer
Zaitor (Geering), 8, 11-10 .... ——
Farigoule (G. Langlands), 7, 11-10 .... ——
Convoy (Whiteman), 5, 11-10 .... Brown
Master Troy (Private), 5, 11-10 .... ——
Sagatas (Private), 7, 11-10 .... ——
Merry Mood (V. Smyth), 5, 11-10 .... Smyth
Bayeux (Kilpatrick), 5, 11-10 .... Lay
Winco (Parker), 5, 11-10 .... Magee
Crew (Masson), 4, 11-6 .... Butchers
Ice Blue (Private), 4, 11-6 .... ——
Ursulus (Walwyn), 4, 11-6 .... Nicholson
Young Fearless (C. Bell), 4, 11-6 .... Sawers
Chancer (J. Hall), 4, 11-6 .... ——
Repartee (Gosden), 4, 11-6 .... A. Jarvis
Bodney Boy (Beeby), 4, 11-6 .... T. F. Carey
Sulphurous (J. Wood), 4, 11-6 .... Taylor
Grandwell (Duller), 4, 11-6 .... Hollick
Seemore (Private), 4, 11-6 .... ——
Silver Idol (Private), 4, 11-6 .... ——
Viva (Pratt), 4, 11-6 .... Freeth
Freetown (H. Smyth), 4, 11-6 .... Mitchell
Acceleration (Masson), 4, 11-6 .... Feakes
Chas (Hanley), 4, 11-6 .... Hanley

Betting Forecast—2/1 Merry Mood, 5/1 Bodney Boy and Ursulus, 7/1 Convoy, 10/1 Rue de la Paix and Winco, 100/8 Acceleration and Freetown, 100/6 others.

THE WETHERBY CARD

SELECTIONS FOR WETHERBY

	Birdcatcher	London Corr.
1.15—	Easter Parade	The Kernel
1.45—	Russian Sentry	Peter Piper
2.15—	Bastille	Clos du Roi
2.45—	Lion Hunter	Venturesome Knight
3.15—	Pipe Major	Green Mansions
3.45—	Honours List	Honours List

1.15—CHRISTMAS 4-Y.O. HURDLE. 2 m. Probable Starters and Jockeys.

Cap-a-pie (Magner) .... Stapleton
Appleford (Private) .... ——
Trig (Easterby) .... Mr. P. Vaux
Hakuma (Smallwood) .... Vick
Easter Parade (Hammett) .... Taylor
The Kernel (Oxtoby) .... ——
Star Song (Cooper) .... Cooper
Butt Off (Kettlewell) .... ——
Variations (Metcalfe) .... Goodwin
(Above carry 11.0.)

Betting Forecast—Evens The Kernel, 7/2 Easter Parade, 6/1 Trig and Star Song, 10/1 others.

1.45 — CLIFFORD STEEPLECHASE. 2 m. Probable Starters and Jockeys.

Vale Knight (Muriess), 11, 11-11 Mr. Falconer or Cartwright
Royal Revel (Renton), 8, 11-11 .... ——
Russian Sentry (E. Johnson), 14, 11-11 Burford
Ravendale (Private), 12, 11-11 .... Doyle
Peter Piper (Vasey), 12, 11-11 .... Halford
Prince Palette (Newton), 12, 11-11 .... ——
Elopement (Private), 9, 11-6 .... ——
Beaumatch (Private), 12, 11-6 .... ——
Priority Call (Renton), 6, 11-6 .... Maxwell
Brettony (Megginson), 8, 11-6 .... ——
Unofficial (Ransom), 7, 11-6 Mr. W. F. Ransom
Bollinger (Newton), 9, 11-6 .... Hope
Marsh Mallow (Waldron), 5, 11-3 .... ——
High Command (Robson), 5, 11-3 .. McEwan

L. Vick rides Royal Revel or Prince Palette.

Betting Forecast—2/1 Peter Piper, 7/2 Royal Revel, 9/2 Russian Sentry, 6/1 Prince Palette, 8/1 Unificial, 10/1 others.

2.15—BOXING DAY HURDLE (Div. I). 2 m. Probable Starters and Jockeys.

Clos du Roi (Private), 9, 12-3 .... ——
Sylphide (Cooper), 8, 12-3 .... Jack
Bastille (Newton), 6, 12-3 .... Vick
Slavonic Guard (Hammett), 7, 11-12 .. Russell
Constellation II (Private), 5, 11-12 .. ——
Plymouth (Vasey), 5, 11-12 .... Cook
The Chink (Weatherill), 5, 11-12 .... Spark
Beau Ideal (Woodroffe), 5, 11-12 .... ——
John Wellington Wells (Private), 6, 11-12
Costello (F. Taylor), 6, 11-12 .... Cartwright
Fair Wind (Renton), 7, 11-12 .... Maxwell
Buz (Private), 9, 11-12 .... ——
Hells Bells (Smallwood), 6, 11-12 .... ——
Anacreon (Megginson), 6, 11-12 .... ——
Fair Valley (Magner), 5, 11-12 .... Stapleton
Tajeasta (Metcalfe), 5, 11-12 .... Hinchcliffe
Corfe Castle (Kettlewell), 6, 11-12 .. ——
Springway (Newton), 5, 11-12 .... Doyle
Seringhi (Vasey), 6, 11-12 .... Halford
School for Botany (Newton), 5, 11-12 .. Hope
Smart Set (Private), 8, 11-12 .... ——
Victory Roll (Hammett), 4, 11-7 .... Taylor
Black Jennifer (Smallwood), 4, 11-7 .. ——

Betting Forecast—3/1 Bastille, 4/1 Sylphide, 5/1 Seringhi, 8/1 Clos du Roi, Slavonic Guard and Plymouth, 10/1 Hells Bells, 100/8 others.

2.45—TADCASTER STEEPLECHASE. 3 m. Probable Starters and Jockeys.

Venturesome Knight (Muriess), 14, 11-11 Cartwright
Elopement (Private), 9, 11-6 .... ——
Beaumatch (Private), 12, 11-6 .... ——
Holderness (Private), 13, 11-6 .... ——
Lion Hunter (Renton), 7, 11-6 .... Maxwell
Durham Lass (Magner), 12, 11-6 .... Stapleton
Mr. Hincks (Private), 10, 11-6 .... Doyle
Unofficial (Ransom), 7, 11-6 Mr. W. F. Ransom
Caviar (Renton), 6, 11-6 .... Vick
Bright Night (Waldron), 5, 11-3 .... ——

Betting Forecast—Evens Venturesome Knight, 3/1 Lion Hunter and Unofficial, 100/8 others.

3.15 — BOXING DAY HURDLE (Div. II). 2m. Probable Starters and Jockeys.

Rosencranz (Garbett), 9, 12-3 .... ——
Pipe Major (Metcalfe), 10, 12-3 .. Goodwill
Areley Kings (Weatherill), 6, 11-12 .. Spark
Bridlington (Private), 7, 11-12 .... ——
Siloam (Woodroffe), 6, 11-12 .... ——
Drift II (Private), 5, 11-12 .... ——
Prince Merlin (Vasey), 5, 11-12 .... Halford
Green Mansions (Newton), 5, 11-12 .... Doyle
Twice Royal (Magner), 5, 11-12 .. Stapleton
Stretto (Ray), 6, 11-12 .... Morgan
Caravan Girl (Cooper), 9, 11-12 .... Jack
High Command (Robson), 5, 11-12 McEwan
Comique (Vasey), 5, 11-12 .... Cooke
Cherry Lad II (Private), 6, 11-12 .. ——
Fortrose (Private), 6, 11-12 .... ——
Porter (Wharton), 9, 11-12 .... ——
Persian Prince (Hammett), 5, 11-12 .. ——
Woolpack (Smallwood), 4, 11-7 .... Vick
Suzy Cottonsox (Private), 3, 10-2 .... ——
Scribal Flood (Kettlewell), 3, 10-2 .. ——

Betting Forecast—5/2 Pipe Major, 9/2 Green Mansions, 6/1 Areley Kings and Stretto, 8/1 High Command and Prince Merlin, 10/1 others.

3.45—BRAMHAM 3-Y.O. HURDLE. 1½m. Probable Starters and Jockeys.

Riscos (T. Hall) .... Douglas
Lat-Le-Poo (Woodroffe) .... ——
Culworth (T. Hall) .... Cartwright
Suzy Cottonsox (Private) .... ——
Wardale (Private) .... ——
Church Dale (Smallwood) .... ——
Tadushah (Newton) .... Doyle
Airvonia (Metcalfe) .... Goodwill
Peter Penniless (Metcalfe) .... Hinchcliffe
Tinawych (Kettlewell) .... ——
Scribal Flood (Kettlewell) .... ——
Honours List (Vasey) .... Halford
Cocksy (Private) .... ——
(Above carry 10.10.)

Betting Forecast—2/1 Honours List, 7/2 Culworth, 4/1 Tadushah, 6/1 Airvonia, 8/1 Susy Cottonsox, 10/1 others.

Cup Coursing Meets

Loc Garman Cup

FOLLOWING is the draw for the Loc Garman meeting, to be held at Killiane Castle grounds, Wexford, on Tuesday and Wednesday:—

Judge—M. Davin. Slipper—P. White.

LOC GARMAN CUP (32 all-ages). Winner, £150; £40; two, £8 each; four, £4 4s. each.

P. White ns. **Dancer's Share** v. Mrs. J. J. Colloton's **Ballyhogue Gael.**
J. Hughes's **Our Lizzie** v. W. H. Kearon ns. **Verges Carina.**
P. Byrne ns. **Talvin's Double** v. F. J. Murphy ns. **Red Cross Combination.**
T. R. Mayler ns. **Paddy's Tanist** v. R. P. Byrne ns. **Boro Moon.**
T. D. Sinnott ns. **Tanist Rose** v. P. V. McSweeney ns. **Castle Own.**
P. Corcoran ns. **Laughing Water** v. J. J. Rossiter's **Jahore Road.**
J. Doran ns. **Dusty Ruin** v. V. B. Hickey ns. **Raheen Lady.**
M. J. Mulhall ns. **Keatingstown** v. E. Butler ns. **Rathroe Jim.**
W. Kerwick ns. **Hillbrock** v. N. J. Stafford ns. **Miss Monabow.**
P. Byrne's **Red Ring** v. Dr. T. E. Pierse ns. **Rebel Nigger.**
S. Doyle ns. **Oriuck's Image** v. M. E. Cheane ns. **Mister Calino.**
R. G. Walsh ns. **Petite Rose** v. M. Fortune's **Ballysheen.**
L. Byrne ns. **Swift Progress** v. T. Hanlon's **Steady Maker.**
J. J. Corry ns. **Ego** v. Mrs. P. Keating's **Keeper's Salute.**
P. Whelan's **Mountain Prince** v. T. J. Larkin ns. **Cope With Tanist.**
P. Meyler ns. **Goesunda** v. T. Stafford's **Song of The Night Wind.**

Kilkenny

Following is the draw for North Kilkenny Cup meeting on Tuesday and Wednesday:—

Judge—M. Walsh. Slipper—R. J. Redmond.

TRIAL STAKES (dogs)—Fawn Yank v. The Solicitor; Logan Street v. Golden Rio; Another Rally v. Mighty Prince; Marvellous Tan v. Spencer Again; True Rally v. Black Ration; Do Kilrea v. Farmerstown Rally; Radiant Morning v. Plucky Prince; Wireless Larry v. Tourtane Beauty; Dreaming Spire v. Ballybrack Wonder; High Corner v. Tom White Eye; Knockeen Inler v. Motley Mask; Imperial Iris v. Negro's Lad; Bush Ditch v. Dysart Hill; Castlehill Chief v. Trenchardstown; Dark Composer v. Lyrical; Poor Fellow v. Mountain Rally.

TRIAL STAKES (bitches) — Main Street Rally v. Rebel Music Fan; Starlight Cymbal v. Pansy Iris; Mary Ann v. Pleasant Moments; Invading Lady v. Margaretsfield Colleen; Debon Again v. Lincoln Zephyr; Speed to Spare v. Carpet Slipper; Flasher's Karts v. Ninny's Pet; Betty Fallon v. Knockeen Iris; Arctic Iris v. Waterford Bridge; Jungle Gift v. Swanee Inler; Peg Sandills v. Silvery Deen; Juonia v. Back to the Bog; Stretch Yourself v. Battle Rally; Toughen v. Brown Mimic; Penna v. Luminous Sister; Shankill Lady v. Castlemarket Iris.

NORTH KILKENNY CUP (16 all-ages)—Hill of Doon v. Moss Port; Smartly Fergus v. Battle Dawn; Legs Eleven v. Barrowside Rally; Tanmoss v. Listless; One Iota v. Bad Dancer; Miss Reilly v. Rose Iris; Ponsonby Beauty v. Keep Bitter; Marvellous Choice v. Merlin.

Knockmannon Stakes 1 and 2 and Lisdowney Stakes 1 and 2 complete the card. First brace 11 o'clock (old time).

The Kingdom Cup

THE draw for the Kingdom Cup meeting at Ballybeggan Park, Tralee, on December 26th, 27th and 28th is:—

Judge—P. Trant. Slipper—W. O'Donoghue.

KINGDOM CUP (32 all-ages). Winner, £130; £40; two, £15 each; four, £5 each.

F. H. Latchford ns. **Hands Held** v. D. Vard's **Coal King.**
S. Champ ns. **Nailmy Miss** v. J. D. O'Mahony ns. **Highland Gorse.**
J. N. Brosnan ns. **Feale Laurel** v. D. Slattery ns. **Oakview Deputy.**
T. O'Connor ns. **Ballyduff Rascal** v. P. J. Chute ns. **Bright Oak.**
C. J. Downing ns. **Get Up Ballyseedy** v. P. J. Murphy ns **Border Fast on.**
F. O'Leary ns. **Majestic Champion** v. J. Savage ns. **National Light.**
S. M. Walsh ns. **Ballyfinane Lad** v. W. Penny's **Kilcora Billie.**
R. Godsill's **Sandy's Luck** v. P. Ryle ns. **Ballyrehan Sweep.**
Mrs. D. Crean ns. **Gortmore Ration** v. T. O'Leary ns. **Quarter Cure.**
P. Hogan ns. **Iris Hall** v. G. Bailey ns. **Fill 'Em Again Bob.**
P. Fitzgibbon ns. **Kerry Tan** v. Miss D. McQuinn's **Lislevane Butterfly.**
J. J. O'Sullivan ns. **Smiling Oliver** v. James Clark ns. **Dark Coon.**
J. B. Healy ns. **General Casey** v. B. Barry ns. **Sheskin Tanist.**
J. Brosnan ns. **Bracklin Border** v. M. Casey ns. **Locknaree.**
J. Revington ns. **Scotia's Midnight** v. Mrs. J. Griffin ns. **Prince Rea.**
Dr. J. Hannon ns. **Ballyrehan Dandy** v. T. O'Connor ns. **Shooting Star.**

CASTLETOWNGEOGHEGAN

Judge—W. Blythe. Slipper—J. Murray.

TRIAL STAKE (10 dogs)—Swift Imor v. Baytown Line; Lawless Banker v. Stonepark Lad; Annaville v. Honest Transaction; Trenands v. Gerrigno; Last Bob v. Camp D 9.

TRIAL STAKE (16 bitch puppies)—Paper Lady v. Growing Up; Tangjill v. Miss Milltown; Lurgan Lass v. Some Talent Maybe; After Hours v. Nancy Hayes; Culdrin Lass v. Keen Fairy; Irritable v. Dunbell's Point; Pride of Peace v. George's Fancy; Bewitching Fawn v. Rhythm Girls.

CASTLEGEOGHEGAN STAKES (16 all-ages). Winner, £100—Cliste v. Black Michael; Grand Mariner v. The Abbott; Tippet v. Merry Andrew; The Coward v. Lucky Champion; Solus Mor v. Clondalee Joker; Skee Lad v. Royal Casino; Lili's Favourite v. Mid Westmeath; Castletown Luck v. Awful Foolish.

Ballyhast No. 1 and No. 2 Stakes and Midleton Cup (16) complete the card.

ARDBRACCAN—TUESDAY

ARDBRACCEN STAKE (5 dog puppies)—Boltown Wood v. Pride of Shillelagh; Ballymacken Lad v. Royal Afton; Boltown's Abbey a bye.

BOYERSTOWN STAKE (5 bitch puppies)—Royal Hope v. Kells Abbey; Tantallion Pride v. Newtown Miss; Bella Cosa a bye.

DOWNSTOWN STAKE (8 one-course maidens)—Galtrim Lass v. Overseas; Inler's Ace v. Take Notice; Glena Town v. Oldtown Spirit; No Future v. Tantallion Lady.

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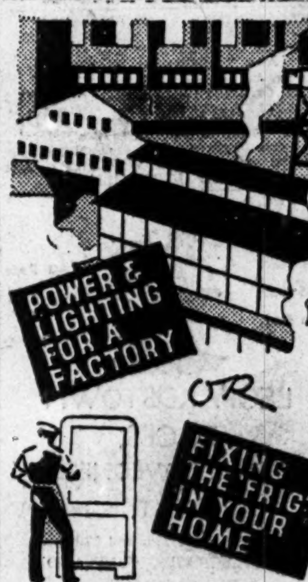
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TUESDAY'S CHARITY HOCKEY MATCH

The title of Tuesday's charity hockey match at Londonbridge road has been altered to Nomads v. Mr. T. S. C. Dagg's XI. Originally Three Rock Rovers were to oppose the scratch side, but C. R. Cuffe, G. K. Donald and R. K. Pilkington are unable to turn out, and they will be replaced by J. Parkinson (St. James's Gate), goal; D. Medcalf (Y.M.C.A.), left full-back, and T. Lonergan (Railway Union), centre-half. Fifteen present and past interprovincial players are included on the two teams.

North Dublin S.C.—Christmas Morning Races—Hobart Memorial Cup, Scully Cup, O'Reilly Cup. Entries total 51. First event 12 o'c.

Bray S.C.—Christmas morning—Men's 44 yards handicap (Dawson Cup); ladies' 44 yards handicap (12.0).

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IRISH PROGRAMM[E]

NEWS at 1.40, 6.40, 10.0 (N... 10.10 p.m.

1.0-2.30—Concert. 6.0 — "Sa... Linn." 7.0—Letters to Santa Cla... Garda Military Band and Hube... (baritone). 8.0—Val Vousden: ... 8.15—"The Red Maize Cob"... Christmas feature. 8.45—The Caro... 9.0—"Tir na mBo"; Piaras Beasla... "Light Music." 9.30—"A Sailor... Yarn: The True Christmas Spirit." ... "Making and Mending." 10.30—... "a Song."

B.B.C. HOME SERV[ICE]

203.5 m., 391.1 m., 449.1 m., 48... NEWS at 7 and 8 a.m.; 1, 6 and ... and 12 midnight.

7.15—Exercises. 7.30—Weber. ... "Lift Up Your Hearts." 8.15—"... and Mend." 8.20—"March of the ... 9.0—Music for Christmas. 9.30—H... and his Band. 10.15—Service. 10.3... While You Work. 11.0—"Saturd... ing Prom." 11.55—Geraldo and his ... Orchestra. 12.30—Northern Orchest... "Backs to the Land." 1.30—... Band. 2.0—"Organ Serenade." ... Scottish Orchestra. 3.30—"Show Sc... 4.0—Spelling Bee. 4.30—Music W... Work. 5.0—Welsh. 5.20—Children... "The World Goes By." 6.55—... Were the Days." 7.45—Week ... minster. 8.0—"Music-Hall. 9.30—"... and Mary" (Play). 10.30—Prayers. ... "At the Palais."

ALTERNATIVE SERV[ICE]

296.1 m. 342.1 m.
NEWS at 7 a.m.; 12 noon; 2, 4, ... p.m.
NEWS HEADLINES at 8, 9, 10 and ... 1, 3, 9.15, 9.58 and 10.58 p.m.

6.30—"Record Album." 7.15—"... Star." 7.30—Music in the Morning. ... Know What I Like." 8.30—... Palyers. 9.20—Mark Warnow. ... Rendezvous Players. 10.2—"M... Round." 11.10—Service. 11.15—J... and his Orchestra. 12.15—"S... 12.30—"Over to You." 1.2—"... Serenade." 1.30—"Questions An... 2.10—Request Records. 2.55—"Ke... Touch." 3.2—"Radio Newsreel." ... "The Voice of the Violin." 3.30... Call." 4.15—Football. 5.0—"S... Ashore." 5.30—"Atlantic Spotlight... —B.B.C. Orchestra. 7.0—Joan ... Replies. 7.15—Music from the ... 8.15—Football Results. 8.30—"As t... mentator Saw It." 8.45—Johnny ... Revue. 9.15—"Music of the Fo... 10.0—"From Stage-Door Canteen." ... Music While You Work.

Christmas Ev[e]

IRISH PROGRAMM[E]

NEWS at 6.45 and 10.10 p.m.

1.0—Concert. 1.15—Christmas ... by the Pope. 2.0-2.30—Corelli: C... Concerto. 3.15-4.30—Christmas Car... Patrick's Cathedral. 4.30—"Christm... in Coolevin." 5.15—English Transla... Papal Discourse. 6.0—"Light ... 6.15—Letters to Santa Claus. 7.0... Spiritual Life" (8). 7.20 — "Light ... trial Programme." 7.45—"Radio ... 8.15—"Question Time." 9.0—"The ... Bethlehem" (Play). 9.30—"My F... Carols." 9.55—Appeal on behalf o... Flower Penny Dinner Fund. 10.20—... ton's Ceilidhe Band and Denis Cox. ... Carols: North Strand Church. 11.30—... Music. 12.0—Midnight Mass from ... St. Joseph Abbey, Roscrea.

B.B.C. HOME SERVIC[E]

203.5m., 391.1m., 449.1m., 48.5... NEWS at 7 and 9 a.m.; 1, 6, 9 and ... p.m.

7.20—Orchestral Music. 7.45—"Li... Band." 8.15—Christmas Songs, ...

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BROADCASTING FOR FOUR DAYS

To-day

IRISH PROGRAMME

NEWS at 1.40, 6.40, 10.0 (Nuacht) and 10.10 p.m.

1.0-2.30—Concert. 6.0—"Sa mBaile Linn." 7.0—Letters to Santa Claus. 7.20—Garda Military Band and Hubert Brown (baritone). 8.0—Val Vousden: Entertainer. 8.15—"The Red Maize Cob": Basque Christmas feature. 8.45—The Carolan Trio. 9.0—"Tir na mBo": Piaras Beaslai. 9.15—"Light Music." 9.20—"A Sailor Spins a Yarn: The True Christmas Spirit." 9.40—"Making and Mending." 10.30—"A Tune and a Song."

B.B.C. HOME SERVICE

203.5 m., 391.1 m., 449.1 m., 48.54 m.
NEWS at 7 and 8 a.m.; 1, 6 and 9 p.m., and 12 midnight.

7.15—Exercises. 7.30—Weber. 7.55—"Lift Up Your Hearts." 8.15—"Make-Do and Mend." 8.20—"March of the Movies." 9.0—Music for Christmas. 9.30—Harry Roy and his Band. 10.15—Service. 10.30—Music While You Work. 11.0—"Saturday-Morning Prom." 11.55—Geraldo and his Concert Orchestra. 12.30—Northern Orchestra. 1.15—"Backs to the Land." 1.30—Military Band. 2.0—"Organ Serenade." 2.30—Scottish Orchestra. 3.30—"Show Souvenirs." 4.0—Spelling Bee. 4.30—Music While You Work. 5.0—Welsh. 5.20—Children. 6.30—"The World Goes By." 6.55—"Those Were the Days." 7.45—Week in Westminster. 8.0—"Music-Hall. 9.30—"Michael and Mary" (Play). 10.30—Prayers. 10.45—"At the Palais."

ALTERNATIVE SERVICE

296.1 m. 342.1 m.
NEWS at 7 a.m.; 12 noon; 2, 4, 6 and 8 p.m.
NEWS HEADLINES at 8, 9, 10 and 11 a.m.; 1, 3, 9.15, 9.58 and 10.58 p.m.

6.30—"Record Album." 7.15—"Morning Star." 7.30—Music in the Morning. 8.0—"I Know What I Like." 8.30—Entr'acte Players. 9.20—Mark Warnow. 9.45—Rendezvous Players. 10.2—"Merry-Go-Round." 11.10—Service. 11.15—Jay Wilbur and his Orchestra. 12.15—"Starlight." 12.30—"Over to You." 1.2—"Moonlight Serenade." 1.30—"Questions Answered." 2.10—Request Records. 2.55—"Keeping in Touch." 3.2—"Radio Newsreel." 3.15—"The Voice of the Violin." 3.30—"Mail Call." 4.15—Football. 5.0—"Shipmates Ashore." 5.30—"Atlantic Spotlight." 6.15—B.B.C. Orchestra. 7.0—Joan Griffiths Replies. 7.15—Music from the Movies. 8.15—Football Results. 8.30—"As the Commentator Saw It." 8.45—Johnny Canuck's Revue. 9.15—"Music of the Footlights." 10.0—"From Stage-Door Canteen." 10.30—Music While You Work.

Christmas Eve

IRISH PROGRAMME

NEWS at 6.45 and 10.10 p.m.

1.0—Concert. 1.15—Christmas Discourse by the Pope. 2.0-2.30—Corelli: Christmas Concerto. 3.15-4.30—Christmas Carols: St. Patrick's Cathedral. 4.30—"Christmas Eve in Coolevin." 5.15—English Translation of Papal Discourse. 6.0—"Light Music." 6.15—Letters to Santa Claus. 7.0—"The Spiritual Life" (8). 7.20—"Light Orchestral Programme." 7.45—"Radio Digest." 8.15—"Question Time." 9.0—"The Inn at Bethlehem" (Play). 9.30—"My Favourite Carols." 9.55—Appeal on behalf of Little Flower Penny Dinner Fund. 10.20—Joe Milan's Ceilidhe Band and Denis Cox. 11.0—Carols: North Strand Church. 11.30—Sacred Music. 12.0—Midnight Mass from Mount St. Joseph Abbey, Roscrea.

B.B.C. HOME SERVICE

203.5m., 391.1m., 449.1m., 48.54m.
NEWS at 7 and 9 a.m.; 1, 6, 9 and 11.45 p.m.

7.20—Orchestral Music. 7.45—"Listen to the Band." 8.15—Christmas Songs, Carols, and Dances. 9.30—Service. 10.15—"From Stage to Screen." 11.0—"Music Magazine." 11.50—Christmas Music from Wales. 12.10—Light Music. 12.50—Week's Films. 1.15—Russian Commentary. 1.30—Northern Orchestra. 2.30—Your Garden. 2.45—Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols. 4.0—"String Serenade." 4.20—"A Child is Born" (modern drama of the Nativity). 4.55—Christmas Greetings in Welsh. 5.15—Children's Hour. 6.15—"Alice Through the Looking-Glass," by Lewis Carroll. 7.5—New London Orchestra. 8.0—The Army Sings Carols. 9.25—Week's Good Cause. 9.30—"Bleak House." 9.30—Christmas Eve Music for All. 10.30—Epilogue. 10.38—"Poet's Christmas." 11.15—Reginald King at the piano. 12.0—Midnight Mass.

ALTERNATIVE SERVICE

296.1m., 342.1m.
NEWS at 7 a.m.; 12 noon, 2, 4, and 6 p.m.
NEWS HEADLINES at 8, 10 and 11 a.m.; 1, 3, 9.13, 9.58 and 10.53 p.m.

6.30—"Record Album." 7.15—"Sunday Serenade." 8.2—Messages from Overseas. 9.25—Light Music. 9.30—Ambrose and his Orchestra. 10.2—Chopin. 10.15—Short Service. 10.30—Calling All Canadians. 11.15—Association Football. 11.30—Religious Service. 12.15—Ice Hockey from Canada. 12.30—Dance Orchestra. 1.2—Ballad Concert. 1.30—Brains Trust. 2.10—"A Christmas Fantasy." 2.15—Light Music. 2.25—Anne Shelton. 2.55—"Christmas Mail." 3.2—"Radio Newsreel." 3.15—"Music Parade." 4.15—Scottish Orchestra. 5.0—"Variety Band-Box." 6.10—News from Canada. 6.15—Favourite Records. 7.0—"Sporting Record." 7.30—"Palace of Varieties." 8.0—"The Big Show." 9.0—"Standing on the Corner." 9.15—"Grand Hotel." 10.0—Sunday Half-Hour. 10.30—Harry Leader and his Band. 10.54—Christmas Eve, Epilogue.

Christmas Day

IRISH PROGRAMME

NO NEWS.

11.30-12.30 (approx.)—High Mass from Mount St. Joseph Abbey, Roscrea. 12.30—"Choral Music." 12.45-1.30—Artane School Band and Sean O Slothchain. 1.30-3.0—Concert. 5.0—Children's Christmas Annual—by Maura Laverty. 5.45—Chris. Kiernan's Quintet. 6.15—Amrain agus Allagar Nodlag ag "Na Siansairi." 7.0—"The Speaker" (story). 7.30—The Abbey Players in "Spreading the News"—by Lady Gregory. 8.0—"Question Time." 8.45—"Moore's Melodies." 9.0—"The Antlers"—Christmas Cracker Programme. 10.0—"Bethlehem's Children" (story). 10.25—Garda Ceilidhe Band. 11.0—"A Tune and a Song."

B.B.C. HOME SERVICE

203.5m., 391.1m., 449.1m., 48.54m.
NEWS at 7 and 9 a.m.; 1, 6 and 9 p.m. and 12 midnight.

7.20—Tchaikovsky's Ballet. 7.50—"Merry Christmas, Children." 8.0—Sextet. 8.30—Carols. 8.50—"Postman's Knock." 9.20—Christmas Bells. 9.30—Service. 10.30—"Alice in Wonderland." 10.50—Light Music 11.30—Guernsey Children Singing. 11.45—Scottish Orchestra. 12.30—Break for Music. 1.15—Theatre Orchestra. 2.0—"The Journey Home." 3.15—Nations' Anthems. 3.30—Henry Hall and his Orchestra. 4.0—"The Rose and the Ring." 5.0—Christmas Service in Welsh. 5.20—Children's Hour. 6.30—"Mistletoe Inn." 7.0—A.E.F. Christmas Show. 8.0—"Christmas Night at Eight." 8.55—Wireless for the Blind. 9.30—"Sunny" (Musical Comedy). 10.15—Cesar Franck. Violin Sonata. 10.50—"How Far Is It To Bethlehem?" (Verse). 11.5—Christmas Cabaret.

ALTERNATIVE SERVICE

296.1m., 342.1m.
NEWS at 7 a.m.; 12 noon, 1.45, 4, 6 and 7.50 p.m.
NEWS HEADLINES at 8, 9, 10 and 11 a.m.; 1, 9, 9.58 and 10.58 p.m.

6.30—"Record Album." 7.15—Paul Robeson. 7.30—Music in the Morning. 8.2—Liszt. 8.35—Dance Music. 9.20—Christmas Bells. 9.30—Troise and his Mandoliers. 10.2—A Christmas Party. 10.30—Military Band. 11.10—Christmas Day Service. 11.40—Entr'acte Players. 12.15—Association Football. 1.0—"Palace of Varieties." 1.30—"Standing on the Corner." 2.0—"The Journey Home." 3.15—Navy Mixture. 4.15—"The Big Show." 5.15—Christmas Carols. 5.35—"Christmas at Bart's." 6.10—Symphony Orchestra. 7.0—"Off the Map." 7.35—"Fly Away, Paula." 8.0—"Christmas Night at Eight." 8.55—Christmas Bells. 9.2—Welsh Half-Hour. 9.30—Scottish Orchestra. 10.0—"Command Performance." 10.30—Dance Music. 10.57—Carols.

St. Stephen's Day

IRISH PROGRAMME

NEWS at 6.40, 10.0 (Nuacht) and 10.10 p.m.

1.0-2.30—Concert. 6.0—"The Goose Girl" (adapted by Eily MacAdam). 7.0—"The Emigrant Sings." 7.20—Orchestra. 7.55—"An Treimhseachan Teann. 8.25—Revue by Noel O'Mahony. 9.10—Adolphe Gebler (clarinet). 9.25—"By Accident": script by Norris Davidson. 10.30—"Café Continental."

B.B.C. HOME SERVICE

NEWS at 7 and 8 a.m., 1, 6 and 9 p.m., and 12 midnight.
203.5 m., 391.1 m., 449.1 m., 48.54 m.

7.20—Tchaikovsky. 7.55—"Lift Up Your Hearts!" 8.10—Kitchen Front. 8.20—"Morning Diversion." 9.0—Morning Miscellany. 9.45—Amadio Trio. 10.15—Service. 10.30—Music While You Work. 11.0—Haydn. 11.30—Band. 12.0—"Record Entertainment." 12.30—Workers' Playtime. 1.15—"Music-Hall." 2.15—Scottish Orchestra. 3.0—Music While You Work. 3.30—Choral Evensong. 4.0—"Goody Two Shoes" (pantomime). 4.30—"Command Performance." 5.0—Welsh. 5.30—Children's Party. 6.15—"In Town To-night." 6.45—"The Tinder-Box" (play). 7.25—"Kentucky Minstrels." 8.15—Brains Trust. 9.30—Will Hay. 10.0—"Tuesday Serenade." 10.45—Prayers. 11.0—Henry Hall and his Orchestra. 11.30—Jack Simpson and his Sextet.

ALTERNATIVE SERVICE

NEWS at 7 a.m., 12 noon, 2, 4, 6 and 8 p.m.
NEWS HEADLINES at 8, 9, 10 and 11 a.m.; 1, 3, 9.13, 9.58 and 10.58 p.m.
296.1 m., 342.1 m.

6.30—"Record Album." 7.15—"Morning Star." 7.30—Apache Band. 8.2—"I Know What I Like!" 8.30—"Country Magazine." 9.20—Geraldo and his Orchestra. 10.2—Theatre Organ. 10.30—"Rhythm Here and There." 11.10—Service. 11.15—Music from the Movies. 12.15—Northern Orchestra. 1.2—"Variety Band-Box." 2.10—Light Music. 2.15—"Seac." 2.20—"Hello, G.I.s!" 2.55 Sandy Macpherson. 3.2—"Radio Newsreel." 3.15—Favourite Records. 4.15—War Review. 4.25—"Mrs. Gibson's Guest House." 5.0—Ulster Half-Hour. 5.30—Scottish Orchestra. 6.5—Round the London Shows. 7.0—Motor Works Band. 7.30—"Over to You." 8.10—News from Canada. 8.15—Anne Shelton. 8.45—News from Australia and New Zealand. 9.0—"In a Sentimental Mood." 9.15—"Itma." 9.45—Johann Strauss. 10.0—Jack Payne with his Orchestra. 10.30—Music While You Work.

ANTI-TUBERCULOSIS FILM

"The Defeat of Tuberculosis," a British film, will be shown in Cork early next year.

The Anti-Tuberculosis Section of the Irish Red Cross Society has two 35 mm. copies and one 16 mm. copy of the film, which already has been displayed in cinemas in Wexford, Donegal and Limerick. The showings were arranged through the National Film Institute of Ireland.

Small Business On Dublin Exchange

AS was only to be expected, markets on the Dublin Stock Exchange were idle yesterday, and price changes were irregular.

Great Southern Railway Junior issues were in quiet demand. The Ord. improved to 70¾, and the Pref. to 70, but the Guar. gave way to 81¼. Great Northern Ord. turned rather dull, and drooped to 32½.

Guinness Units lost several pence at 136s. 9d., but Pim Bros. Ord. advanced 1s. to 18s. The Funds were well maintained, and 3½ p.c. Land Bonds rose to 102.

OFFICIAL QUOTATIONS

(*) Odd lot. (a) Asked. (b) Bid. (Previous prices in parentheses.)

GOVERNMENT FUNDS—4 p.c. Conversion Loan (under £200) (109¼), 108⅝; 3¼ p.c. National Security (Deed) (106½), 106½; 4 p.c. Land Bonds (107), *107; 3½ p.c. Land Bonds (101 29/32), 102; 2½ p.c. Consols (81½), *81 13/16; 3½ p.c. War Loan (104¼), 104¼.

BANKS—National (50/6), 50/3b, 50/6a.

BREWERIES — Guinness Ord. (137/6), 137/-, 136/9; do. Pref. (15⅞), 15⅞.

RAILS—Gt. Northern Ord. (33), *32½; do. Pref. (49¼), 49⅜a; do. Deb. (89½), 89b; Gt. Southern Ord. (70½), *70, 70¾; do. Pref. (69¾), *69⅞, 70; do. Guar. (81¾), 81¼; do. Deb. (100), 100.

IRISH INDUSTRIALS — Cement Ord. (46/7½), 45/3b; Clondalkin Paper Ord. (6/3), 6/3b, 6/6a; Independent Pref. (35/-), 35/-; Irish Tanners Pref. (28/-), 28/-a; Pim Bros. Ord. (17/-), 18/-.

BRITISH INDUSTRIALS—Carreras "B," 18/9; Courtaulds (57/1½), *57/1½; United Steel, 26/1½.

Changes on Week

THIS week's price changes in securities quoted on the Dublin Stock Exchange are tabulated below:—

RISES.	Dec. 18.	Dec. 22.	
4½% Land Bonds	116	116½	+½
4% Land Bonds	106⅞	107	+⅛
3½% Land Bonds	101 29/32	102	+3/32
Provl. Bank New	50/9	51/0	+0/3
Royal Bank	13¾	14	+¼
Distillers	107/3	107/9	+0/6
Guinness Ord.	136/6	136/9	+0/3
G.N.R. Pref.	48⅞	49¼	+⅜
Do. Deb.	89	89½	+½
G.S.R. Ord.	69⅞	70¾	+⅞
Do. Pref.	69	70	+1
Do. Guar.	80	81¼	+1¼
Do. Deb.	99½	100	+½
Pim Ord.	17/0	18/0	+1/0
Do. Pref.	68/6	78/0	+9/6
Assoc. Choc. Pref	23/3	23/9	+0/6
Browne & Nolan Pf.	25/3	25/6	+0/3
Capitol Pref	19/7½	20/0	+0/4½
Cement Ord.	46/3	46/7½	+0/4½
Independent Pref.	34/6	35/0	+0/6
Irish Cinemas Pref.	22/0	22/3	+0/3
May Roberts Pref.	23/6	23/9	+0/3
Imperial Tobacco	161/9	162/0	+0/3
Vickers Ord.	17/9	17/10½	+0/1½
FALLS.	**Dec. 18.**	**Dec. 22.**	
2nd Nat. Loan	114⅞	114¼	−⅝
Conversion Loan	109½	108¾	−¾
Agreement Loan	109½	108⅞	−⅝
Security Loan	106¾	106⅝	−⅛
Limerick 3½%	99¾	99½	−¼
National Bank	50/9	50/6	−0/3
Guinness Pref.	16⅛	15⅞	−¼
G.N.R. Ord.	32 15/16	32½	−7/16
Do. Guar.	69½	69¼	−¼
D.U.T.C. Ord. & Pref	28/6	28/3	−0/3
Dublin Gas Ord.	23/4½	23/1½	−0/3
McBirney Ord.	6/3	5/9	−0/6
Assoc. Choc. Deb.	21/9	21/6	−0/3
Irish Sugar Pref.	28/0	27/6	−0/6
Williams & Woods Ord.	34/6	34/0	−0/6
Carreras "B"	20/0	18/9	−1/3
Elec. & Musical	35/10½	34/6	−1/4½
Imperial Chemical	39/1½	38/9	−0/4½
Lever 7% Pref.	34/10½	34/4½	−0/5
Courtaulds	57/10½	57/1½	−0/9

Markets in Holiday Mood

PRACTICALLY all the business on the London Stock Exchange yesterday had been arranged by mid-day. It means that once the orders which came through by the post and from the banks had been arranged the market developed a strong holiday atmosphere and business, as previously arranged, was finally suspended at 2 p.m. The Stock Exchange will remain closed until next Wednesday morning.

It may be said that the feeling in markets was quite confident, but much may happen between now and the re-opening next Wednesday. Those with commitments open will watch the war news from Western Europe very closely. It was encouraging to find British Funds a strong market before the holiday. Home Railway junior stocks failed to reflect any result of the statement in Parliament that Government control is likely to continue for two years after the war. Argentine Rails were, however, better, particularly the Prior Charges, as a result of recent interest payments on Debenture stocks.

Business among Industrials was small. One feature was a drop in British Celanese Ordinary to 36/3 and in the 7½ p.c. Second Pref. to 32/3 following the statement by the Chairman regarding the effect of E.P.T. on future profit.

Among Oils Apex Trinidad reacted 1/- to 33/9 following the publication of the annual report.

In the mining market Diamond issues were better, with no particular movement among Gold shares.

FIRST DIVIDEND

Aero Engines Ltd. is entering the dividend list this year with payments of 5 p.c. on both its Ordinary and its Deferred shares. The company was registered in 1935, and this is the first dividend. In its early year losses were made, but in recent years the position has been improving as the result of war demands for its products. In the year to July 31 last profits were £17,478, against £17,490 in the previous year.

Early this year the Philco Radio and Television Corporation obtained a substantial interest in the company by the purchase of 431,000 Deferred shares. It was stated at the time that the belief was held that there was a wide field of development and production in which the co-operation between the two companies would be of mutual advantage. The Ordinary 5s. shares are quoted at 5s. 6d., and the Deferred 2s. shares at 2s. 6d.

RISKY SPECULATION

Speculative dealings have been taking place in the 2s. shares of British Coal Distillation, Ltd., up to about 5½d. per share. The company was registered fifteen years ago, and now has an issued capital of £323,372, all in 2s. shares. It specialises in a domestic fuel sold under the name of "Suncole." No dividend has ever been paid.

Some reason may be found for the present activity in the shares in the annual report for the year to July 31st last, which is now available This states that the company has acquired the option to purchase an anthracite colliery as a going concern for consideration, payable in cash, shares and Debentures. Expert reports, it is added, state that the colliery in question has reserves of high-quality anthracite of several million tons.

NO DETAILS GIVEN

The Chairman says that the company is planning to secure a daily production of 300 tons within twelve months, which is estimated to produce a profit of £67,000 per annum. No details, however, are given regarding the terms on which it is proposed to purchase the colliery, or of how the cash portion of the purchase price is to be raised. The present balance sheet of the company shows a debit on profit and loss account of £40,148, with cash amounting to £200. It is obvious, therefore, that until more explicit details are given regarding the proposed development, the shares must be regarded as a risky speculation.

LONDON CLOSING PRICES

Consols 2½%	81 7/16	81 5/16	3% Conversion	103⅛	103¼
Do. 4½%	111⅝	111¾	3½% Conversion	106	106⅛
3½% War Loan	104	104⅛	2½% Land	91	93
3% War Loan	102 1/16	102 3/16	I.F.S. 4½% Ld	115	117
Funding Loan	113 9/16	113 11/16	Local Loans	94⅜	94½
Victory Bonds	113 11/16	113 13/16	Nat. Def. 2½%	100 15/16	101 1/16

BONDS—RAILS—BANKS		
Brazil 20-Yr. A.	81½	
Do. 40-Yr. B.	70½	
Great Western	58½	
L.M.S. Ord.	31⅝	+⅛
Do. 4% Pref.	78½	
Do. 5% Red. Pf.	103*	
Do. 4% Pf. '23	62¾	
L.N.E. Pf. Ord.	8	
Do. Def.	4	
Do. 1st Pref.	60¾	
Do. 2nd Pref.	31¾	
Sth. Pref. Ord.	77½	
Sth. Def. Ord.	25⅝	+⅛
Do 5% Pref.	118½	
Arg. Gt. W. 5% Deb.	56½	
B.A. Gt. Sth.	12¼	+⅜
Do. 4% Deb.	62	
B.A. and Pacific 4% Deb.	73	
Do. Con. 4½% Deb.	55½	
B.A. & Western	11¼	+⅜
Do. 4% Deb.	56½	
Canadian Pacific	14⅞	
C. Arg. 4% Deb	56½	
Do. 5% Deb. 1967-87	63¾	+¾
Barclay A	55/6	
Lloyds	61/6	
Midland Bank	10 19/32	
Westminster £1	95/0	

INDUSTRIALS		
Allied Iron	52/0*	
Austin (5/-)	30/6	+0/3
Assoc. Cement	62/9	
Ass. Br. Picture	22/0	
Babcock & W.	53/3	
Baldwins	6/9	
Brown (J.)	28/0	
B.S.A.	24/1½	
Bleachers	13/10½	+0/3
Brad. Dyers	25/0	
Braz. Traction	26¼	
British Celanese	36/0	−2/3
British Match	42/4½	
B.A. Tobacco	5 23/32	
Beechams Def.	19/6	
Boots Drug	55/3	
Bolsover Coll.	51/0	
British Alum.	45/7½	
British Oxygen	87/6	
Brit. Plaster Bd.	40/0	+0/3
Brit. P. Cement	4½	
Bass	175/0	
Brit. Insulated	114/0	
Callendars	114/0	
Cammell Laird	10/6	
Consett Iron	8/1½	
Crompton P.	33/9*	
Coast Lines	17/0	

INDUSTRIALS (Cont.)		
Cab & W. Ord.	84¼	
Calico Printers	18/9	
Coats	51/1½	
Cory, Wm.	98/0*	
Clan Line	5	
Cunard	21/10½	
Courtaulds	57/6	+0/3
Carreras B	18/10½	
De La Rue	9 1/16	+1/16
Dorman Long	27/6	
Dunlop	47/0	
Distillers	108/0*	
Elec. & Mus.	35/6	
Eng Sew. Cot.	37/6	
Eng. Electric	56/0	
Ever Ready	42/0	
Ford	36/9	+0/3
Fine Spinners	26/1½	
Gallaher	7⅜	
Guinness	136/6	
Godfrey Phillips	56/0	−0/3
General Electric	98/0	
Guest Keen	38/4½	
Harrods	65/3	
Hudson's Bay	70/0	
Hawker Sid.	18/0	+0/1½
Harland & W.	16/3	
Imp. Tobacco	8 5/32	
Imp. Chemical	39/3	
Int. Nickel	88⅛	
Inter. Tea	18/4½	
Johnston & P.	79/0	
Leyland	77/6	+0/6
Lever & Unilvr.	46/0	
Lever N.V.	46/0	
London Brick	66/0	
Morris	46/0	
Murex	5 1/16	+1/13
Marks & S.	65/9	+0/6
Patons and B.	4 3/32	+1/32
Pressed Steel	32/6	
P & O Def.	42/0*	
Pinchin Johnson	39/3	
Raleigh	82/0	
Rolls Royce	6⅝	
Ruston & H.	49/6	
Siemens	36/0	
Sudan Plants	42/6	
Stewart & L.	55/3	+0/1½
Thomas (R.J.)	13/4½	
Tob. Sec. T.	4	
Tate & Lyle	74/0	
Triplex Glass	43/3	−0/3
Tube Investment	5 13/32	+1/32
Turner & N.	81/6*	
United Steel	26/0	
United South.	4 3/16	
Utd. Molasses	38/6	+0/3
Vickers	18/4½	
Wall Paper Def.	44/0	
White Tomkin.	46/0	
Watney Def.	90/3	
Woolworth	67/0	+0/6

MINES		
Ang.-Amer. Inv.	48/0	
Ashanti	62/0	
Bibiani	29/3	
Blyvoor	6¼	
Brakpan	19/6	+0/3
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Anglo-Iranian	5 13/32	+1/32
Attock	68/0	
Burmah	4 5/32	
Can. Eagle	13/7½	
Mex. Eagle	10/1½	
Shell	4 5/32	+1/32
Trinidad Lease	4⅝	
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Anglo-Dutch	20/1½	
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Highlands	1	
Kuala Lumpur	1¼	
Malacca	16/9	
Malayalam	39/6	
Rubber Trust	24/9	
U. Sua Betong	36/3	
Utd. Serdang	2/4½	

* Ex Dividend. † Ex Bonus.

COMPANY NEWS

Sheffield Brewery.—Dividend 12½ p.c. for year (same).

British Tanker.—Dividend 6 p.c. for year (same).

Enfield Cycle.—Dividend 7½ p.c. for year (same).

COMPANY MEETING

Agricultural Credit Corporation, Ltd.

FIRST MORTGAGE BONDS REDEEMED

THE seventeenth annual general meeting of The Agricultural Credit Corporation, Limited, was held in the offices of the company, 11 Kildare street, Dublin, yesterday.

The directors present were Messrs. R. C. Barton (Chairman), Patrick J. Cahill, T. F. Hennessy, C. M. O'Kelly, William Quirke and P. J. Stokes. Mr. G. R. Pierse (Chief Clerk) acted as secretary to the meeting. The Secretary read the notice convening the meeting and the auditors' report. The directors' report and the accounts were taken as "read."

The Chairman, in moving the adoption of the report and accounts, said: Gentlemen, since we last met, the Board of your Corporation has suffered a loss by the death of our colleague, Mr. R. H. Franklin. On your behalf and on behalf of my fellow directors and of the staff, I wish to tender to his relatives an expression of our deepest sympathy.

The vacancy on the Board caused by the death of Mr. Franklin was filled by the co-option of Mr. Thomas F. Hennessy, whose long experience in financial matters renders him eminently suitable for membership of our Board. His appointment terminates to-day in accordance with the company's articles of association, and he offers himself for election by the shareholders. I can unreservedly recommend his election.

NET PROFITS

To-day we present to you the seventeenth annual report of this company. The report and accounts have been in your hands for the required period, and, with your permission, I shall take them as "read."

The accounts before you show a net profit for the year of £3,975 10s. 1d., after meeting our administration expenses, amounting to £16,815 3s. 10d., Mortgage Bond and Mortgage Stock interest, amounting to £40,000, and providing for income tax amounting to £2,429 7s. 8d. Of this sum, £1,315 5s. 7d. has been applied towards payment of the statutory dividend on the "A" shares, which was paid on August 1st, 1944, and the remainder, amounting to £2,660 4s. 6d., will be allocated towards payment of the dividend on the "A" shares which will fall due on February 1st, 1945. Taking our working capital of £1,500,000 as a whole, and notwithstanding the reduction in the rate of interest charged on loans, the company has been able to provide interest out of the profits of the financial year at an average rate of slightly over 2.9 per cent.

At the last annual general meeting I informed you that it was your directors' intention to utilise the proceeds of the issue of £500,000 of 3 per cent. State-guaranteed mortgage stock, 1957-67 to pay off the first and second series of State-guaranteed mortgage bonds on the earliest dates when, under the respective terms of issue, redemption became feasible. The first series of these bonds were redeemable on November 1st, 1944, and were duly redeemed on that date. This operation will have the effect of assisting the company's revenue for the coming year.

NEW LOANS

The number of new loans made during the year was 618 for a total amount of £84,058, as compared with 690 loans totalling £94,159 in 1943. These figures for the year show that the opportunities for farmers to put borrowed funds to advantageous use remain limited, and I am afraid that we cannot hope for much improvement in this position so long as the present world conflict endures. When conditions do return to normal I trust that the farming community will be able to avail itself of the reasonable long-term facilities offered by the corporation to finance projects which have of necessity been deferred until materials shall again be on the market in abundance and at reasonable prices.

The year now nearing its close has been one of phenomenal extremes of drought and rainfall, and farmers in many districts have experienced some loss and considerable difficulty in saving and threshing their crops. Shortages in many respects have added to the normal risks of harvesting and marketing crops, and, with the recent fall in livestock values, have been the source of some anxiety to agriculturists.

FINANCIAL HISTORY

Before formally moving the resolutions, I am sure it is the wish of the shareholders that I should place on record a word of appreciation to the staff for the manner in which they have carried out their duties during the year.

The reports and accounts were adopted. Mr. T. F. Hennessy, the retiring director, was re-elected, and Messrs. Thomas Geoghegan and Company, 4 College Green, Dublin, were re-appointed auditors for the coming year.

Mr. J. J. McElligott, Secretary, Department of Finance, said that, while the corporation had not made agricultural history during the last year, it had made financial history by having arranged for the carrying through of the first redemption operation in regard to the 5 per cent. Mortgage Bonds. A specialist institution like the corporation, dealing with only one branch of credit, was at a great disadvantage at a time like the present, when farmers were unable to obtain capital equipment or materials for building or improving their holdings. Farmers had not alone been able to do without credit, but to repay outstanding loans of the corporation.

FOOD AND PRODUCE MARKETS

DUBLIN FISH.—Lobsters, 20/- to 80/- per 13; herrings 6/- to 7/-, mackerel 4/- to 6/-, cod 13/1 to 16/4, codling 7/11, whiting 1/- to 7/6, ray 5/- to 7/-, and wings 12/- per stone.

DUBLIN POTATO.—Dates 10/-, Kerr's Pinks and Spry's Abundance 9/-, and Banners 8/- per cwt.

DUBLIN GRAIN.—Wheat 52/- to 55/-, oats 22/- to 25/-, and barley 35/- per barrel delivered.

DUBLIN HAY AND STRAW.—Good supply, with demand steady at—Best first crop 11/3 to 11/6, secondary 10/6 to 11/-, strong old meadow 9/- to 10/-, softer 7/- to 8/6, straw 4/- to 4/9 per cwt.

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DUBLIN BUTTER AND EGG.—Creams unchanged at 246/- per cwt., less box allowance. Eggs in demand at maximum prices to retailers. Specials 32/-, standards 30/-, selected 28/4, pullets 27/6, seconds 24/3, and duck 26/8 per 120.

DUBLIN POULTRY.—Turkeys in short supply, with values firmer. Geese and chickens plentiful at steady rates. Turkeys, prime hens 2/4 to 2/8, cocks 2/4 to 2/6; geese 1/5 to 1/7; chickens, small 1/8½, and large 1/6 to 1/7 per lb.

Little Green Street Market, Dublin.
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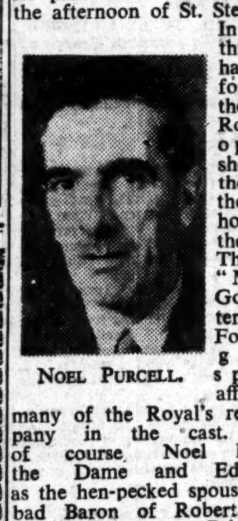
DUBLIN FRUIT AND VEGETABLE.—Good supplies, with values firm to dearer at—York cabbage, large 35/- to 92/-, small 20/- to 40/-; savoy, large 30/- to 94/-, small 25/- to 42/- load; swedes, 2/- to 4/-; mangolds, 2/3; onions, 34/- per cwt.; lettuce 10d. to 2/-, indoor 2/6 to 6/-; cauliflowers 3/- to 9/-, seconds 1/- to 2/- dozen; beet, 1/6 to 2/-; leeks 3/- to 12/-; carrots 2/- to 4/- dozen bunches, 8/- to 20/- bag; parsnips, 7/- to 9/-; sprouts, 4/- to 8/-; artichokes, 2/- to 4/-; parsley, 1/- to 2/-; tomatoes, 10/- to 42/- chip; apples, cooking 2/6 to 5/-, dessert 5/- to 10/- stone; pears, 4/- to 12/- dozen; mushrooms 7/-, and seakale 4/- per lb.

For Your Holiday Entertainment

New Shows On Stage and Screen

THERE is a particular interest in the pantomimes this year, because a number of actors from the legitimate theatre are being seen in this form of entertainment for the first time. "Mother Goose," for example, has Robert Hennessy and Michael Ripper—both former "straight" players—in its cast. In the Gaiety's "Cinderella," the principal girl, Eithne Dunne, first won praise on the Abbey stage, and, more recently, in "Wuthering Heights" at the Gate; the top comedian in the show is another actor from the legitimate stage—Wilfrid Brambell—who was called from a part in "Drama At Inish" to become "Buttons."

There was once a tradition that no pantomime should open before the afternoon of St. Stephen's Day. In some cases this tradition has fallen—for example, the Theatre Royal now opens its show with the start of the Christmas holidays from the schools. This year's "Mother Goose," written by Dick Forbes, is a gay and spectacular affair, with many of the Royal's regular company in the cast. There is, of course, Noel Purcell as the Dame and Eddie Byrne as the hen-pecked spouse; the bold, bad Baron of Robert Hennessy; Pauline Forbes as Principal Girl, and Iris Lawler as her partner, the Principal Boy. Biff and Baff are traditional parts in pantomime; Jack Cruise and Michael Ripper make the most of them. Johnny Caross is playing the goose; Ursula O'Riordan and Rita Conroy are the second leads; and Maureen Harold, a star of the Rathmines and Rathgar Musical Society, appears as the Fairy Queen. Further melody is supplied by Sean Mooney and Frankie Blowers, while other players in the cast are Grania O'Shannon, Carmel Murphy and Mickey Reid.



NOEL PURCELL.

One of the "standard nursery books" has been taken by Harry O'Donovan, who has used the story of "Cinderella" for the Gaiety pantomime, which opens on next Tuesday afternoon. Here one of the new-comers to this form of entertainment — Wilfrid Brambell—has the pleasant, but by no means easy, task of making the running with the fun of the show as Buttons. He has shown his ability as a comic actor in many plays on the legitimate stage. With him, as the girl for whom everything comes right in the end, is Eithne Dunne. Some of the other members of the cast are well-known to pantomime-goers— there is Eire O'Reilly, as the Principal Boy; and that bright youngster, Maureen Potter, is Dandini; a soprano who established her reputation in "The Desert Song" not long ago—Bridie Cowley—plays the Fairy Queen; Brendan Kavanagh, Maye Tipple, Jim Jonson and Josie Day also appear.



WILFRID BRAMBELL.

Most of the speciality acts which we saw in the days before the war were imported; but the young Stephensons—seen in last year's Gaiety pantomime—are a native product, and they will bring a new act to Dublin for "Cinderella."

PLENTY OF FUN

"Robinson Crusoe," with a script by Ernie Murray, is being produced by P. R. Gogan at the Queen's.



PEGGY DELL.

He has got a first - rate cast together, with Peggy Dell heading it in the title rôle, and Josephine O'Hagan as the Principal Girl. John Lynskey, who combines a fine voice with good acting, is another of the principals, and there is a strong corps of comedians, including Jimmy Harvey, Danny Cummins and Cecil Sheridan.

Hilton Edwards and Micheal MacLiammoir have established a sound reputation for original work in their annual Christmas Parties at the Gate Theatre, and this year they have called their winter night's entertainment "Punchbowl." This new production is colourful and full of variety from its opening spectacle of old French songs and dances, "Snow is Dancing," to the glamorous ghost of Micheal MacLiammoir, which people who have seen rehearsals say beats his Carmen Miranda or Suzette impressions. Tyrell Pine is a clever young composer, and some of his latest work has gone into the "Punchbowl," for there is plenty of music in the mixture. Meriel Moore is appearing in a little play specially written for her by Micheal MacLiammoir, who is to "star" himself in "Richard II." There is a new dramatisation by Hilton Edwards of Dickens's "A Christmas Carol," and the adaptor is to play Scrooge, with Liam Gaffney as Marley's Ghost. From Betty Chancellor and Ginette Waddell we are promised a couple of very strange specimens of the cat world. Sketches and dancing—the choreographer is Cepta Cullen—are all in the mixture.



BETTY CHANCELLOR.

FROM THE NORTH

This year the Olympia is joining in the return to traditional pantomime with "Babes in the Wood." Many artists who are well-known to Dublin audiences have featured "spots" in the pantomime—Patty Ryan, a charming vocalist; Vi Kaye, Will Duffy, Leslie St. Clair and Joe Duffy have appeared often enough for entertainment-seekers to know that the show is on a good foundation; and there is a miniature circus.

The nursery goose has found two nests this year, for "Mother Goose" is also to be the Father Mathew Hall pantomime.

The principal girl and principal boy, Margaret O'Donnell and May Shudall, have played the leads on previous occasions with considerable success. Eileen McCarthy and Eileen Deane are the second principals, and there is comedy from Jack McCarthy, Teddy Aherne and Thomas Duffy; Jim Cullen is the Dame, and Patrick J. Madden is the Baron.

Amateurs are producing Dublin's second "Babes in the Wood" at the St. Francis Xavier Hall, in Upper Sherrard street. The Pioneer Dramatic Society has Teresa O'Neill as Robin Hood, with Phyllis Cullen playing Maid Marion. The other members of the cast include:—Phil Greene, Sean Fay, Sean Kelly, Hubert Egan and John Farrell, Marie Frazer, Mamie Cosgrave, Vera Ormsby and Dermot Kelly.

IN THE CINEMAS

High comedy is the note at the Savoy, where the craziest comedians of our time, the Marx Brothers, are to be seen in "A Night at the Opera."

Bette Davis has a fine part in the adaptation of John van Druten's "Old Acquaintance," which is to be seen at the Adelphi. In leading rôles with Bette Davis are John Loder, Miriam Hopkins and Gig Young.

It would be unfair to you to divulge the story of "The Scarlet Claw" (showing at the Carlton). It is sufficient to say that Basil Rathbone is back in the Sherlock Holmes rôle, with Nigel Bruce as the ever-faithful Dr. Watson.

Another brace of comedians, Flanagan and Allen, can be seen in the Astor's back-stage comedy, "Theatre Royal."

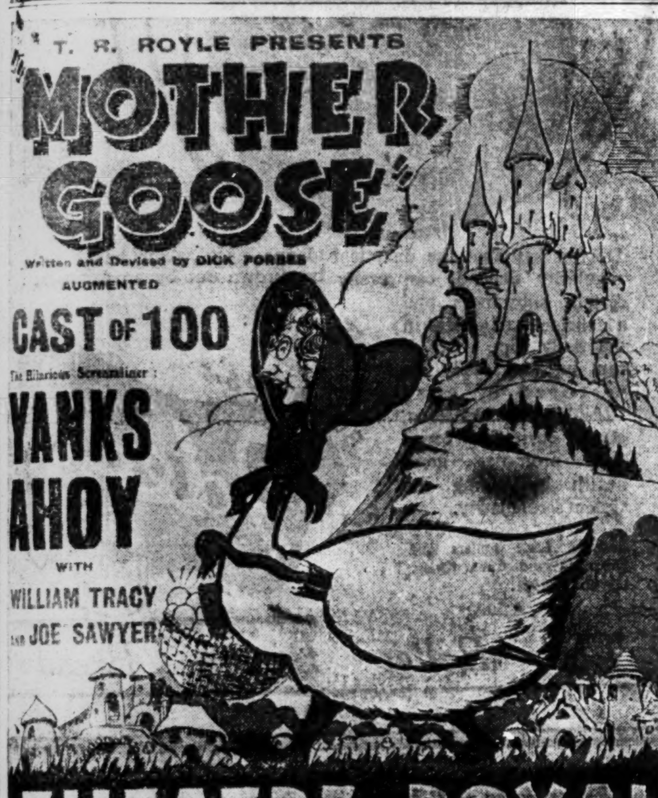
"In Old Chicago," another re-issue, will be found at the Regal Rooms. The Theatre Royal has "Yanks Ahoy" as a film complement to its pantomime.

The Green's choice for the holidays seems to be balanced very nicely between drama and lighter entertainment—the two films on show being "Romance is Sacred" and "The Gay Impostor."

"The Man in the Iron Mask," Alexandre Dumas's powerful story, was made into a very successful film some time ago; now it is being revived at the Metropole. It has Louis Hayward and Joan Bennett in the leading rôles.

The Corinthian is offering a double feature well balanced by the drama of "The Girl Who Dared" (Lorna Gray and Peter Cookson), and the gay comedy of "Sing, Neighbour, Sing," which stars Ruth Terry and Brad Taylor, with a whole string of leading American radio entertainers.

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BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS.

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BIRTHS

ANDERSON—October 23, 1944, in Baltimore, Md., U.S.A., to Alice, wife of Charles H. Anderson, a son.

BYRNE—December 18, 1944, at Hatch Street Nursing Home, to Doreen, wife of James P. Byrne, Consuelo, 27 Cowper road, Rathmines, a son.

COSBIE—December 16, 1944, at Portsmouth, Hants, to Matilda (*née* Barker), wife of Dr. Hastings Cosbie, a son (Howard Maitland).

DIXON—December 15, 1944, at the Windsor Nursing Home, Terenure, to Lucille, wife of Samuel J. Dixon, a son (James Henry).

LOUGHNANE—December 12, 1944, at the Stella Maris Nursing Home, Earlsfort terrace, to Patricia, wife of Captain W. Loughnane, A.M.S., a son.

McKEEVER—December 8, 1944, at Miss Overend's Nursing Home, Dublin, to Jack and Marjorie (*née* Taylor) McKeever, Creevagh, Ardee, a son.

MOORE—December 18, 1944, to Florence, wife of Hugh B. Moore, M.A., Dundrum, a daughter.

O'KEEFFE—December 15, 1944, at the [illegible] Nursing Home, to Sheila, wife of Andrew O'Keeffe, Electra House, Dundrum, a daughter.

ROUILLER—November 21, 1944, at Letterkenny District Hospital, to Amy, wife of Patrick E. Rouiller, Kashur, Ballymote, a daughter.

SARGENT—December 21, 1944, at the National Maternity Hospital, to Loo, wife of Charles M. Sargent, 67 Hollybrook road, [illegible], the gift of a son (Ian Patrick).

SMITH—December 18, 1944, at Hatch Street Nursing Home, to Anne (*née* Devlin), wife of Patrick Smith, Monkstown House, Monkstown, a son.

MARRIAGE

KENNY and LEUZZI—September 18, 1944, at the Church of the Sacred Heart, Donnybrook, with Nuptial Mass and Papal Blessing, by Very Rev. Mons. Molony, P.P., assisted by Rev. [illegible] McCann, C.C., Westland row, [illegible], second son of Mr. and Mrs. John Kenny, 14 Green Park, Rathgar, to Bruna, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Leuzzi, 60 Belmont avenue, Donnybrook.

SILVER WEDDING

[illegible] and McCRUMMAN—December 23, 1919, at St. Paul's, Arran quay, by Rev. [illegible], [illegible] Laurel, Loconotondo, [illegible], and 56 Upper Fitzwilliam street, Dublin, to Emily Millicent, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John McCrumman, 46 [illegible] street, Philsboro.

DEATHS

BAILEY—December 22, 1944, Jane, relict of the late Patrick Bailey, of The Burrow, Portmarnock. Funeral arriving at Kinsealy Cemetery at 3 p.m. to-day (Saturday).

BRITTAIN—December 22, 1944, at her residence, 40 Castle road, Dundalk, Mary, beloved wife of William J. Brittain. Funeral leaving Dundalk (by road) at 11 a.m. to-day (Saturday), arriving Knockbreda, Belfast, about 2 p.m. House private.

BURD—December 21, 1944, at a private hospital, Mrs. Edith Katherine Burd, of Harmsworth, St. Thomas's road, Mount Merrion, Dublin, relict of Rev. A. A. Burd, at an advanced age. Funeral to Mount Jerome Cemetery, Dublin, Wednesday, 27th.

CULLEN—October 9, 1944, at Sydney, N.S.W., Garrett Cullen, late of Straits Settlements Police, Singapore. R.I.P.

DOWSE—December 21, 1944 (suddenly), at St. Helen's, Gerald, beloved husband of Rosa Dowse, eldest son of the late R. W. Dowse, Esq., of Dublin, and Headmaster for 23 years of Cowley School, St. Helen's. Funeral strictly private. No flowers, by request. Memorial Service at St. Helen's Parish Church at 12 noon on Tuesday, December 26.

DOWSE—December 21, 1944 (suddenly), Gerald Dowse, O.B.E., M.A., Headmaster, Cowley School, St. Helen's, Lancashire, eldest son of the late Richard William Dowse, M.A., of Harcourt street, Dublin.

GWYNN—December 22, 1944, at her home, Mary Caroline, wife of Brian James Gwynn, and eldest daughter of the late Canon and Mrs. Lewen Weldon. Funeral private. No flowers.

O'BRIEN—December 22, 1944, at his residence, 19 Pimlico, Dublin, Michael O'Brien (late A.G.S. & Co., and Superintendent, St. John Ambulance Brigade). Deeply regretted by his wife, family and relatives. R.I.P. Remains will be removed to St. James's Church, James's street, at 3 p.m., to-morrow (Sunday).

RAWLINS—December 22, 1944, Hannah, beloved wife of John Rawlins, Royal Hospital Gardens, Kilmainham, and daughter of the late Robert Dorman, Belfast. Deeply regretted by her loving husband, relatives and friends. "Peace, perfect peace."

ANNOUNCEMENTS received late for this column will be found in Page 3.

ANNIVERSARY MASSES

QUINN—Anniversary Masses will be offered in the Pro-Cathedral, Marlborough street, for the repose of the soul of my loving brother, Charlie, who died on St. Stephen's Day, December 26th, 1942. Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on him. St. Joseph, intercede for him. R.I.P.—Inserted by his heartbroken sister, Fannie.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

LAWLER—The sons and daughters of the late Mrs. Catherine Lawler, 10 Leeson Park avenue, Dublin, wish to return most sincere thanks to all those who sent Mass cards, telegrams and letters of sympathy in their recent bereavement. Trusting this will be accepted by all in grateful acknowledgment.

O'HIGGINS—The wife and daughter of the late Edward O'Higgins, 29 Effra road, wish to thank all those who sent Mass cards and messages of sympathy, and those who attended Mass and funeral, as it would be impossible to answer all individually.

IN MEMORIAM

CHIDDICK—First Anniversary—In remembrance of a great sportsman, Walter Chiddick.—Inserted by Railway Union Lawn Tennis Club.

COX—In ever-loving memory of John Robert Cox, of 26 Duke street, Athy, called Home December 23rd, 1925.
"And the years touch not the love which never dies."

DAISH—In loving memory of my dear husband, Willie, who died December 25th, 1941.
Passing years cannot dim loving memories.
—Inserted by his loving wife and sons.

DEANE—In loving memory of John Thomas Deane, who died December 24th, 1942. Ever remembered by his wife and family.

DE VETTE—In ever-loving memory of Madam Delta Maude. Called Home, Christmas, 1941. "Free from care and sorrow."

DE VETTE—In loving memory of Delta, called Home, Christmas morning, 1941.

DORAN—In loving remembrance of my dear friend, Susan Elizabeth Doran, called to her Heavenly Home Christmas Eve, 1941.—Childie.

DUNCAN—Loving memory of dear father and mother (January 5, 1915; December 23, 1923)

GRAY—In grateful and loving memory of a darling wife and mother, Catherine, Crofton avenue, Dun Laoghaire, died Christmas Day, 1934. "At Rest."

KEEGAN—In loving memory of Phyllis I. Keegan, who died 23rd December, 1940. "Peace, perfect peace."—Inserted by her loving parents, brothers and sister.

LLOYD—Loving memories of our dear dad, called to Rest 23rd December, 1932.—Mother, Emmie, Elsie and Blanche.

MacDONAGH—Twenty-second Anniversary—In loving memory of Alderman Joseph MacDonagh, T.D., formerly of 9 Palmerston road, Rathmines, who died on Christmas Day, 1922. Go ndeanaid Dia trocaire ar a anam. Inserted by his family.

McGUIRK—Second Anniversary—In fond and loving memory of our dear mother, Mrs. Margaret McGuirk, of Balally House, Sandyford, Co. Dublin, who was called Home on Christmas Eve, 1942. Masses offered.

MONKS—In loving memory of dear dad, Henry J. Monks, who died 24th December, 1940. Sadly missed.—Clare.

O'TOOLE—In loving memory of my dear husband, Dick, who died December 26, 1926, late Tyrconnell road, Inchicore.
"Nearer, my God, to Thee,
Nearer to Thee."

WILL—In loving memory of my dear wife, Jeannie, who died 24th December, 1929.
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Our loss severe,
To part with one
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RESULT of Draw, St. Gerard's Conference, Society of St. Vincent de Paul: — First Prize, F 79296 — Corbally, 11 Rathmines rd., Dublin. 2nd, N 87018, Mary Naylor, Pearse st., Athlone, Co. Westmeath. 3rd, W 55032, Brian Farrelly and Sons, Kells, Co. Meath. 4th, C 92834, Miss J. Curran, Croke Park. 5th, N 27137, Mrs. O'Brien, 96 Mangerton rd., Crumlin, Dublin. 6th, N 18734, Mrs. P. O'Driscoll, Rochestown, Co. Cork. 7th, C 98261, C. Young, 62 Drimnagh rd., Dublin. 8th, C 31824, A. Catcart, Dublin. Sold by E. Doyle. 16 Swords st., N.C. rd., Dublin. 9th, L 1154, Mrs. Geoghegan, 107 Lr. Clanbrassil st., Dublin. 10th, N 15775, Mary Lawlor, 61 Charlemont st., Dublin. 11th, K 1093, James O'Shea, Tullow, Knocktopher, Co. Kilkenny. 12, W 7392, Mrs. Keogh, 18 Courtenay place, Ballybough, Dublin. 13th, A 45162, Mr. Merrion, 41 Mountpleasant avenue, Dublin. 14th, O 22971, James Travers, Lisminton, Ballintra, Co. Donegal. 15th, W 3240, Una Cusack, Ballynacargy, County Westmeath. 16th, N 23896, Mrs. Lil Jarvis, Jubilee st., Dublin. 17th, B 98376, M. P. Maher, 25 Rathfarnham rd., Terenure. 18th, F 92421, Ada Murphy, Shankill, Co. Dublin.

PERSONAL.

OWING to pressure on our space, many Advertisements ordered for this issue are unavoidably held over.

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The lowest or any other tender will not necessarily be accepted, and in any case will be subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

By Order,
M. O CADHAIN, Priomh-Chleireach.
Secretary's Office, Central Hospital, Galway.
20th December, 1944. K.A.A.

GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL. NOTICE TO ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS.

Tenders are invited from competent Electrical Contractors for the Electrical Installation at the extension to the Nurses' Home, Central Hospital, Galway, for the Galway County Council, in accordance with Plans and Specification prepared by Messrs. J. P. Tierney and Co., Consulting Engineers, 44 Kildare Street, Dublin, and which may be inspected at their office or at the office of the undersigned.

Plans, Specification and Form of Tender may be obtained from the Consulting Engineers on payment of five guineas deposit, returnable on receipt of bona-fide Tender, failing which the deposit will be forfeited to the Galway County Council.

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The Furnishings are all of high quality and in perfect condition.

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AUCTION SALE, WEDNESDAY, 17th JANUARY, 1945, AT OUR COLLEGE GREEN SALEROOMS, at 2.30 p.m. (UNLESS PREVIOUSLY SOLD PRIVATELY) ST. PETER'S, 19 ORWELL PARK, RATHGAR.

Detached, non-basement double-fronted Residence, on a quarter of an acre. Vacant Possession.

The property cannot be inspected until after the holidays. Full particulars and photograph next Saturday.

Solicitor: J. G. O'CONNOR, Esq., 9 Clare Street, Dublin.

PRELIMINARY ANNOUNCEMENT. By direction of the Personal Representative of J T O'Donnell, Esq., Decd. IMPORTANT AUCTION SALE On FRIDAY, 26th JANUARY, 1945. SUNVALE HOUSE, KILFINANE, CO. LIMERICK. A QUEEN ANNE RESIDENCE, ON 220 STATUTE ACRES.

Solicitor: J. J. POWER, Esq., Kilmallock, Co. Limerick. Further particulars in later Advertisements.

AUCTIONEERS: JACKSON STOPS & McCABE (Arthur W. McCabe, F.A.I., M.I.A.A.), COLLEGE GREEN, DUBLIN. Telephone 21601 (2 Lines).

COUNTY LOUTH. IMPORTANT DISPERSAL SALE OF FARM IMPLEMENTS, ALLIS-CHAMBERS TRACTOR, COMPLETE TRACTOR EQUIPMENT, HORSES, LIVE STOCK, Etc.

WE have been favoured with instructions from John J McGee, Esq., Charleville, Dunleer (who has purchased another property, TO SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, On THURSDAY NEXT, 28th DECEMBER, 1944, At 12 o'clock (Summer Time), THE FOLLOWING:—

Allis Chambers Tractor (W.O. Model), on rubber and spade lugs; Tractor Trailer, on 900 x 22 tyres; Seller Tractor Plough, Massey Harris Tractor Plough, McCormick 12' Tractor Roller, Massey Harris Tractor Cultivator, 4-part Tractor Harrow, 3-part Flexible Harrow, Grass Seed Harrow, Bamford Grinder, No. 6c, and Roller; 2 Farm Carts, on pneumatic tyres, one with cribs; 2 Hay-Slides, Metal Horse Roller, Bamford Wheel Rake, Bamford Swathe Turner, Hay Collector, McCormick Mower, Martin Potato Digger, Ransome Wheel Plough, Drill Plough, Drill Grubber, Pierce Hoe, Winnowing Machine, Root Cutter and Cleaner (Power), Chaff Cutter, Grass-Seed Sower, Double Turnip Sower, Single Turnip Sower, Mangold Beet Sower, Double Drill Roller, 3 h.p. Bernard Oil Engine, with Dynamo and Switch Board; 10 h.p. Oil Engine, 32ft. Shafting, with hangers and pulleys; several Spare Pulleys, various sizes; Avery Scales and Weights (3 cwt.), 45-gallon Portable Boiler, Blacksmith's Anvil and Bellows, Drilling Machine, 50 Sheets Corrugated Iron, Portable Pig Shelter, Chicken Houses, 2 Sets of Swings (wood and iron), 14 h.p. Vauxhall Motor Car (good tyres), Motor Axle and Wheels, 2 x 6 tyres; 2 Sets Cart Harness, Back-Bands and Chains; several Lots of odd Harness, 5' McCormick Binder, Massey Harris Disc Corn Drill, Stradles, 1 Gent.'s Bicycle, 32ft. Ladder, 3 Galvanised Corn Bins, McCormick Binder (dismantled), suitable for Parts; large Lot of Scrap Iron, Rainwater Tank, with tap; Eaves Gutters and Down Pipes. Furniture, comprising:—Roll-top Oak Writing Desk, Iron Bedsteads, Tables, etc., etc. Various other Lots too numerous to mention. 1 Round Trap, fit Pony 12 h.h.; 2 Gleevem Incubators, 3 Hoovers.

LIVESTOCK, including:—5-year-old Mare, believed in foal; 9-year-old Mare, good worker; 2-year-old Shorthorn Bull (licensed), 5 Milch Cows, 8 Heifers due to calf, 11 Heifers fit for Bull, 7 1½-year-old Bullocks, 6 Yearlings, 5 6-month-old Calves, 1 Sow and Litter of 11 (5 weeks), 2 Sows on the drop, about 20 Tons of 1st Crop Hay, large Rick of Wheaten Straw, 1 Pit of Mangolds, approx. 40 Barrels of Seed Oats, 20 Barrels Archer Sprat Seed Barley (approx.), etc., etc.

CLARKE & JEFFERS, M.I.A.A., Auctioneers, Valuers and Livestock Salesmen, 11 MAGDALENE STREET, DROGHEDA. Telegrams—"Livestock, Drogheda."

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We also wish to thank the members of the Legal Profession for their co-operation with us in the Sales which have taken place.

We shall be glad to receive particulars of any Property you have for disposal. TELEPHONE 82031 (AFTER OFFICE HOURS 81938)

HAZLEY & CO., M.I.A.A., Auctioneers, Valuers, Land and Estate Agents, MAIN STREET, BLACKROCK.

HIGHLY IMPORTANT LETTING OF PRIME GRAZING LANDS. MR. JOHN D. SHERIDAN HAS FAVOURED US WITH INSTRUCTIONS TO LET BY AUCTION, IN OUR AUCTION MART, BALBRIGGAN, On WEDNESDAY NEXT, 27th DECEMBER, at 2 o'clock, 54 Irish Acres of the Prime Lands of CLINSTOWN, STAMULLEN, IN CONVENIENT DIVISIONS.

These Lands are of outstanding quality, with water on every field. There is a competent Herd living on the Lands.

BALBRIGGAN LIVE STOCK SALE. NEXT WEEK WILL BE HELD On WEDNESDAY NEXT, 27th DECEMBER. A YOUNG SOW DUE TO FARROW WILL BE INCLUDED.

GAVIN LOW, LTD., 50 PRUSSIA STREET, DUBLIN.

SALES BY BOWLES & CO. AUCTION, WEDNESDAY, 17th JANUARY, 87 MOUNT PROSPECT AVENUE, CLONTARF. Modern Residence. Vacant Possession. Keys with Auctioneers. Messrs. REDDIN & REDDIN, Solicitors, 11 Pearse St.

25 VERNON AVENUE, CLONTARF. Red-brick, modern House, 2 reception rooms, 4 bedrooms and maid's room. Vacant Possession. Keys with Auctioneers. LAURENCE B. McMAHON, Esq., Solicitor, 5 Upper O'Connell St.

ANTIQUE AND MODERN FURNITURE AUCTION AT BOLEY, MONKSTOWN, On TUESDAY, 23rd JAN., And Following Days.



View of Drawingroom at Boley (showing the two valuable Chandeliers).

This Sale will include entire contents of Mansion. See Catalogue.

BOWLES & CO. (P. A. BOWLES, M.I.A.A.), Auctioneers and Surveyors, 24 SOUTH FREDERICK STREET. Phone 63792.

SALE OF VALUABLE FARM, WITH CHOICE, MEDIUM-SIZED RESIDENCE, EXTENSIVE OUT-BUILDINGS, AND TWO COTTAGES LET TO WEEKLY TENANTS, AT KELLYSTOWN, LEIXLIP, CO. KILDARE (12 MILES FROM DUBLIN, 4 MILES FROM LUCAN). Also EXTENSIVE CLEARANCE SALE OF CATTLE, FARM HORSES, SHEEP FARM IMPLEMENTS AND EFFECTS, AND HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE.

WE are instructed by the reps. of the late Mr. Richard B. E. Doyle TO SELL BY AUCTION, at KELLYSTOWN, on THURSDAY, the 18th day of January, 1945, at 12.30 o'clock, the Lands of Kellystown, containing 135 acres 1 rood 36 perches, Statute Measure, with buildings thereon, held in fee-simple, subject to L.C.A. £57 14s. 8d. P.L.V., £142, including £14 10s. 0d. on buildings.

The Lands are very good quality, conveniently laid out. 45 acres are at present in cultivation for first crop meadow, the remainder permanent pasture.

The Residence is a two-storeyed slated structure of medium size (eight apartments). The out-offices are substantially stone built, with slated roofs, and are in good order and repair.

This desirable property forms one of the most attractive Residential Farms in the district, has been expertly farmed, and is in an excellent state of cultivation.

The detailed particulars of the property and of the cattle, farm horses, sheep, implements, etc. will appear in posters, copies whereof can be obtained from the Auctioneers.

For further particulars and Conditions of Sale apply to THOMAS EARLY & SON, Solicitors, 63-64 Upper O'Connell Street; or to the Auctioneers.

GRAZING AND TILLAGE LANDS, FRIDAY NEXT, DECEMBER 29th, at 2.30 o'clock, FOR G. R. MORE O'FERRALL, Esq., At CLONSAST, 1 MILE FROM KILCOCK RAILWAY STATION, CO. KILDARE (DUBLIN CATTLE MARKET 17 MILES).

Letting of 104 acres Grazing Lands for season ending December 1st, 1945, in three divisions of approximately 37½, 37 and 29½ acres. These Lands, which were stocked by the owner for the present season, comprise some of the choicest feeding and fattening pastures in North Co. Kildare. They are well sheltered, have an excellent water supply, and a careful Herdsman will be in charge of the stock.

SAME DAY, at 4 o'clock, FOR MR. FRANCIS ROCHFORT, At BRANGANSTOWN, KILCOCK (SAME SITUATION AS ABOVE). Letting of 53 acres of choice quality fattening Lands for grazing (cattle only) for season ending December 1st, 1945, in one division.

SAME DAY, at 4.30 o'clock, at THE SHRUBBERY, KILCOCK, FOR THE REVD. SUPERIORESS, PRESENTATION CONVENT. Letting of 21 acres superior quality fattening Lands for grazing to 1/12/'45 in one division, for cattle only.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9th, at 3.30 o'clock, at NICHOLASTOWN FARM, KILCOCK, CO. KILDARE (ON MAIN WEST ROAD, 20 MILES FROM DUBLIN). Letting of 37½ acres first-class Lands for Corn Cropping.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11th, at 2.30 o'clock, FOR MISS H. BALL, At DOWDSTOWN, 1 MILE FROM MAYNOOTH, CO. KILDARE (DUBLIN CATTLE MARKET 15 MILES). Letting of 54 acres excellent feeding and fattening Lands for grazing for season ending 1/12/'45, in two divisions of 31 and 23 acres.

SAME DAY, at 3.30 o'clock, FOR REPS. OF W. W. HEMMINGWAY, Decd., At BLACKHALL, CLANE, CO. KILDARE (SALLINS RAILWAY STATION 3 MILES, NAAS 4). Letting of 130 acres first-class feeding Lands for grazing (cattle only) for season ending December 1st, 1945, in five divisions of 36, 32, 28, 24 and 10 acres.

E. A. COONAN & SON, M.I.A.A., Auctioneers, MAYNOOTH.

JAMES H. NORTH & CO.'S SALES, AT 110 GRAFTON STREET.

SALE TUESDAY, 9th JANUARY. 2 MOUNT STREET CRESCENT. Held under Pembroke lease for 150 years from 1836, subject to a rent now adjusted to £5 15s. 0d. per annum. Vacant possession to purchaser. Inspection ONLY by special appointment with Auctioneers. PEEBLES KNOX & PIGOT, Solicitors, 21 Kildare Street.

SALE TUESDAY, 16th JANUARY. 74-75 STEPHEN'S GREEN, SOUTH. SALE IN ONE LOT. Two four-storeyed Houses, at present Let in Flats. Seven tenants in all. Present rental £654 per annum, landlord paying rates, which, for the current year, amount to £138 14s. 11d. No. 74 is held for 99 years from 25th March, 1883, subject to a rent now adjusted to £60 18s. 2d. per annum. No. 75 is held for 99 years from 25th March, 1884, subject to a rent now adjusted to £47 15s. 6d. HAYES & SONS, Solicitors, 41-42 Nassau Street.

6 LEINSTER ROAD, RATHMINES. Attractive and convenient semi-detached Residence, beside tramline and bus. Vacant possession. Diningroom, drawingroom (folding doors), fixed cupboards in each room; study, three bedrooms (two having fixed wardrobes), bathroom, etc., maid's room, breakfast room, kitchen, with large room off; two pantries, immersion heater and range, gas for cooking, electric light throughout, garage for three cars, garden, with fruit trees; outside w.c., large coal house, fixed meat safe. P.L.V., £32. Lease, 500 years from 29th September, 1944, subject to £10 per annum. Furniture and contents will be sold at a later date. Seen only by appointment with Auctioneers. ALFRED E. WALKER & SON, Solicitors, 1 College Street.

JANUARY SALE, AT ROOMS, 110 GRAFTON STREET, SILVER AND PLATE, JEWELLERY, PICTURES, PORCELAIN, FURNITURE, Etc.

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Standing on a gentle eminence, overlooking the Lough this Hotel commands a panorama of the finest scenery in Donegal.

The waters of the Lough stretch out on three sides, and to landward rise the Donegal Hills.

The attractive and extensive buildings are well built and planned, and admirably suited for the business of a first-class Hotel.

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ACCOMMODATION: Spacious lounge, three reception rooms, diningroom (to seat 100), smoking room, games room, bar, 49 bedrooms, modern bathroom equipment, large kitchen, with Aga Major, refrigeration and fully-equipped pantries, bottling stores, etc.; staff's quarters. The grounds include private bathing boxes, large garage, hard tennis court.

TRADE: A lucrative and increasing trade is being carried on. The situation provides an unequalled opportunity for resident, week-end and catering trade, and the proximity of the Township of Buncrana ensures steady licensed trade throughout the year. Chartered Accountants' figures are available.

ACCESSIBILITY: The Hotel is at the seaward side and within the Township of Buncrana, and is fourteen miles from Londonderry, with excellent train and bus services.

ATTRACTIONS: Sea bathing from grounds. Sandy shore and safe bathing for children. North-West Golf Club two miles. Buncrana Golf Club ½ mile. Boating. Excellent salmon and sea trout fishing, Castle River, ½ mile. Abundant free trout fishing in nearby lakes and rivers. Cinema and shopping facilities in Buncrana, within easy walking distance.

OVERHEADS: The Hotel and grounds held at low net rent. The total overhead charges are exceptionally low.

Offers and enquiries to be sent either to the Proprietors or to the undernoted Solicitors.

The Hotel will be sold as a going concern, with furniture, equipment and fittings, and with the benefit of extensive quotas. The Purchaser will have the opportunity of purchasing the large stocks of spirits, wines, fuel, livestock and consumable stores at market valuation.

This is the principal Hotel for the area. The business is not restricted to a purely seasonal basis, and offers exceptional opportunities for development.

For further particulars and Conditions of Sale apply to COLQUHOUN & DICKSON, Solicitors, 8 Shipquay Street, Londonderry.

BALLYMOTE (CO. SLIGO). GENTLEMAN'S RESIDENCE, GRANIMORE HOUSE AND LANDS FOR SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION, AT THE COURTHOUSE, BALLYMOTE, On WEDNESDAY, 3rd JANUARY, 1945, at 1 p.m. (PER INSTRUCTIONS FROM MR. W. N. KERR-TAYLOR)

This very attractive two-storey, slated Residence, with 8 apartments, stands on 80 Statute acres of the very best land in the Province, with full range of out-offices, haggard and hay shed. The entire holding has been carefully treated by the Vendor, and is in the pink of condition.

The Residence is approached by a short semi-circular path entrance from the public road, through a well-kept lawn, with ornamental shrubs, flower beds and borders. Separate gate entrance to fine enclosed yard, running spring in yard. The Lands are beautifully laid out, faultlessly fenced, well sheltered, easy to work and approach, sound and healthy throughout, with ample water supply to all fields. There are 3 well-constructed fowl houses, and fine sand pit on the Lands. P.L.V., £41. Half-yearly Annuity, £5 19s. 6d.

This most desirable property is ideally situated, 3 miles from Ballymote, convenient to principal bus routes, and only 3 miles from Lough Arrow, famous for its excellent trout fishing.

Conditions of Sale from P. T. MONAHAN, Esq., Solicitor, Sligo.

Further particulars from McGETTRICK, ROGERS & McGETTRICK, M.I.A.A., BALLYMOTE, CO. SLIGO. Phone 18.

SALES BY N. MAHER & SONS, TIPPERARY. BARNANE HOUSE, TEMPLEMORE, CO. TIPPERARY. HIGHLY IMPORTANT AUCTION OF ATTRACTIVE ROADSIDE RESIDENTIAL FATTENING FARM. BY PRIVATE TREATY.

Containing 117 acres, S.M., Primest Dairying and Fattening Land, with attractive and imposing cut-stone and slated Residence, containing hall, 2 reception rooms, 4 bedrooms, kitchen and pantry, with very substantial and extensive out-offices (slated and stone built) in two lock-up yards, and which include cattle shed for 60 head, cow house for 20 cows, stabling for 6 horses, garage, barn, harness room, fowl houses, piggery, implement shed, cattle weigh-bridge, recently erected, and large haybarn (free B.O.W. charge), all, like the residence, in perfect order and repair. Held from I.L.C. at half-yearly instalment of £46.

The lands are suitably divided, well sheltered and fenced with whitethorn hedges; they are bounded by county roads on three sides, having an iron gate entrance to each field. There is a never failing supply of running water, farm being intersected by river; also pump in yard. The lands are very sound, early, entirely without waste, free from disease and are widely known for their prime feeding and fattening qualities, and regarded as the best lands in the district. They have always been well worked and maintained and are at present in great heart.

The Auctioneers confidently invite inspection, from those in quest of a first-class residential holding, of this ideal farm, situate on the roadside within three miles of Templemore and 5 miles of Thurles, hence well served for fairs and markets. Churches, schools and creamery within easy reach.

Vendor: WILLIAM COSTIGAN, Esq.
F. J. O'CONNOR, Esq., Solicitor, Thurles.
For further particulars apply to:—
N. MAHER & SONS, M.I.A.A., Auctioneers and Livestock Salesmen, Offices: TIPPERARY, CASHEL & THURLES. Phone: Tipperary 63.

COUNTY OF LONGFORD. HIGHLY IMPORTANT SALE OF LIVE STOCK, FARM MACHINERY, ETC.

WE have instructions from James Fagan, Esq., having disposed of his Farm, to SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, AT MOATFARRELL, one mile from Edgeworthstown, on THURSDAY NEXT, 28th DECEMBER, commencing at 12 o'clock, official time:—Massey Harris Reaper and Binder, Pierce Wheel Rake, Tedder, Massey Harris Corn Drill, Doyle Potato Digger, Black Stone Swarth Turner, Metal Roller, Pierce Mowing Machine, Pierce Plough, Spring Tooth Harrow, Three Bill Harrow, Victor Scuffler, Hay Collector, Petter 5 H.P. Oil Engine, Oats Bruiser, Engine Belt, Winnowing Machine, Cake Crusher, Paul and Vincent Turnip Pulper, Seed Barrow, Mill Thresher, Donkey Cart, Cart Wheels, Car Jack, Iron Gate, Oil Drum with tap, Sheep Trough, Feeding Boxes, Tumbling Cart Shafts, Set of Horses Cart Harness, Horses Straddle and Collar, Back Rope and Traces, Set of Donkey Cart Harness, Set of Horses Driving Harness, Straddle and Cropper, Cross-cut, Two Clothes Mangles, End-over-end Churn, about 15 Tons Oaten Straw, 6 Tons Potatoes (in lots), 3 Tons Turnips, 2 Tons Mangels.

LIVE STOCK — 15 3-year-old Pollie Bullocks, 15 2½-year-old Pollie Bullocks, 12 1 to 2-year-old Pollie Bullocks, 4 Weaning Calves, 2 Springer Cows.

All the above stock are in forward condition. 1 Thoroughbred Mare (by Sourdlestown, out of Gay Spanker, believed in foal to Marcus Friar), 1 Working Horse.

PLEASE NOTE.—No detached property at this sale.

TERMS.—Strictly cash on day of sale, together with 2½ p.c. commission on livestock, and 5 p.c. commission on all other goods.

JOHN HUGHES & SON, M.I.A.A., Auctioneers and Valuers, EDGEWORTHSTOWN.



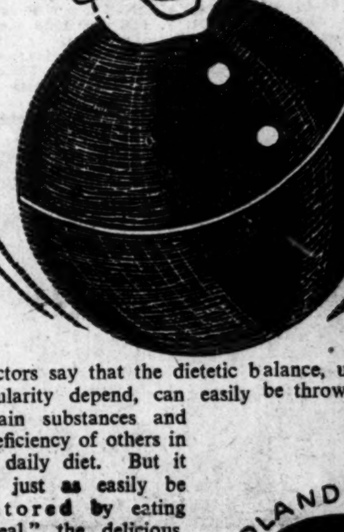
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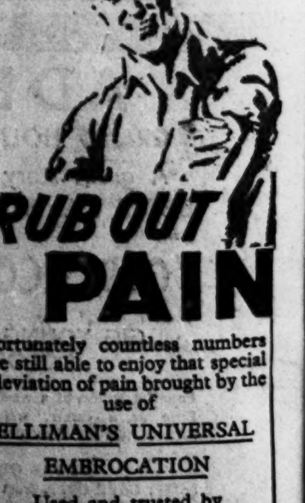
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